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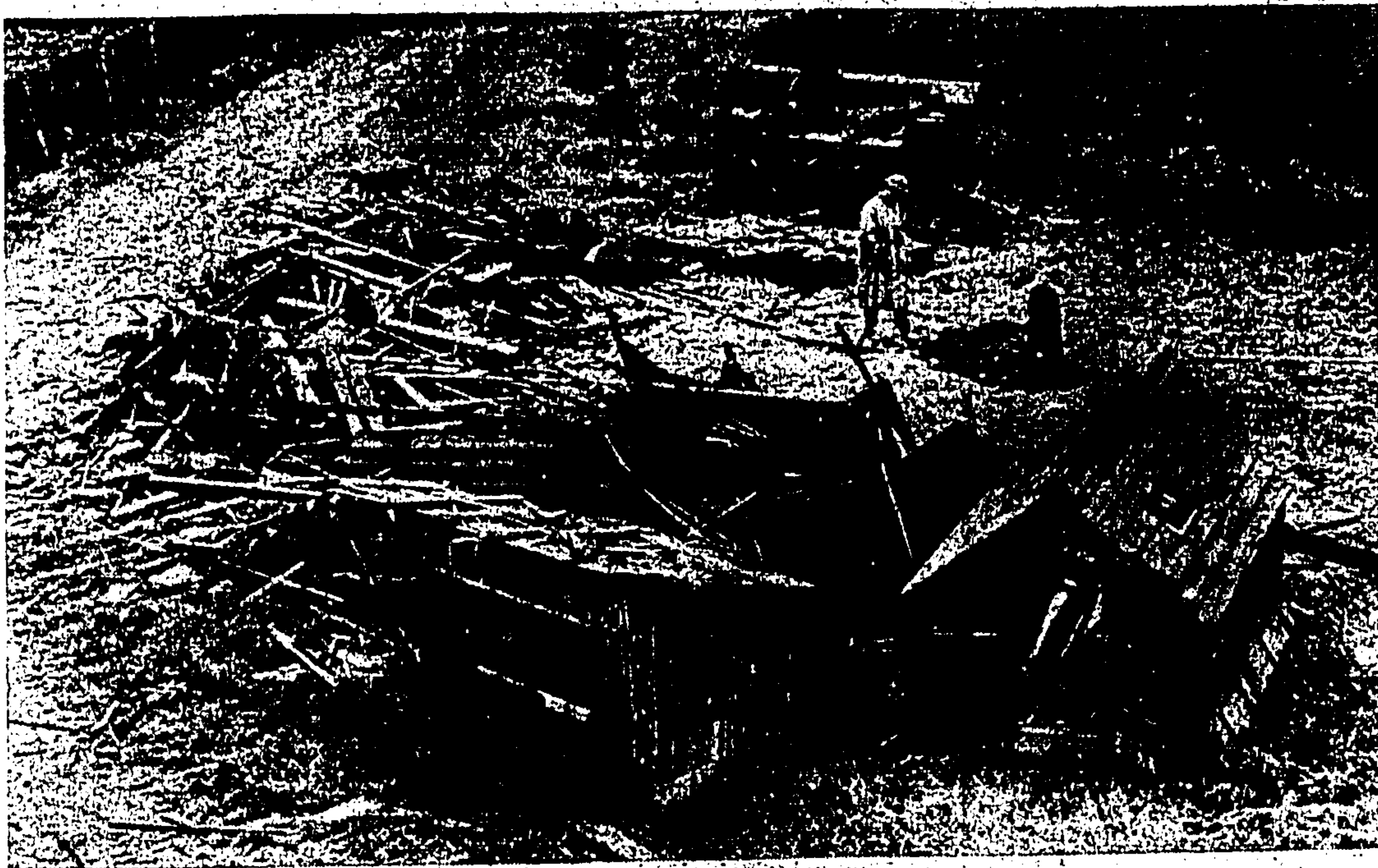
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GERMAN BOMBS DROPPED IN SOUTH OF ENGLAND—German planes were over the South of England early on May 22 and bombs were dropped but apparently the only damage done was the killing of a few chickens and a pony. Photo shows wrecked chicken houses and a bomb crater. (Air Mail. Copyright).

POIGNANT SCENES BEHIND LINES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

According to neutral correspondents, refugees of all ages and sexes are wandering about the wrecked areas of German-occupied northern France, foraging for food and keeping out of the way of German armoured vehicles.

They are helping themselves to jam, sugar and other food left behind by the troops and also coming across large numbers of Bibles and love-letters.

For the most part, however, German soldiers have got there first and taken the choicest offerings.

The death penalty for looting applies to both refugees and soldiers.

According to some observers, the wreckage in the area is only a quarter of what it was during the World War, and it is believed that the speed of the Nazi blitzkrieg is chiefly responsible for this.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — South winds, moderate; cloudy, rainy.

BATTLE RAGES ON 120-MILE FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE GREAT BATTLE WHICH RAGED ALL DAY YESTERDAY FROM THE SEA TO THE REGION OF THE CHEMIN DES DAMES, WAS CONTINUING THROUGH THE NIGHT WITH LITTLE SLACKENING IN VIOLENCE, WITH THE GERMANS COMPLETELY FOILED AT THE MAIN CENTRE OF THE OFFENSIVE.

The military spokesman early this morning stated that German tanks have penetrated the defences at certain points, for a distance of six or seven miles, but the "Weygand Line" is holding as they have been unable to bring infantry through in support.

RAIDERS VISIT FIVE COUNTIES

Three Injured By Bombs In Lincolnshire

London, To-day.
Three workmen were injured when bombs fell near a Lincolnshire town in the course of Nazi air activity during last night.

Nazi planes crossing the coast caused warnings to be sounded at places as far apart as a town in Durham and the south coast.

Stafford, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire,

Nazi Radio claims that the Line has been pierced and that mechanised units are already on their way to Paris and Rouen are ridiculed in competent quarters.

There has been some concession of ground to the west of Amiens, where the German onslaught with masses of tanks carried through to the River Bresle, at heavy cost.

The tanks, it is estimated, lost nearly fifty per cent. of their effective strength in this area. They were blasted at point-blank range by the French 75's and bombed by infantrymen who concealed themselves until they could attack from the sides, while cannon-firing planes swooped down continually upon the rumbling vehicles.

Solssons Fighting

On the Ailette front, the German also succeeded in making some progress north of Solssons, and are approaching (Continued on Page 28)

Nottinghamshire and Sussex all had warnings.

In one case a red blob was seen in the sky diving towards the sea like a plane falling in flames.—Reuter.

HUNGARY PUTS CLAMP ON COMMUNICATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

The Hungarian authorities have instituted a drastic control over all telegraph and telephone communications.—Havas.

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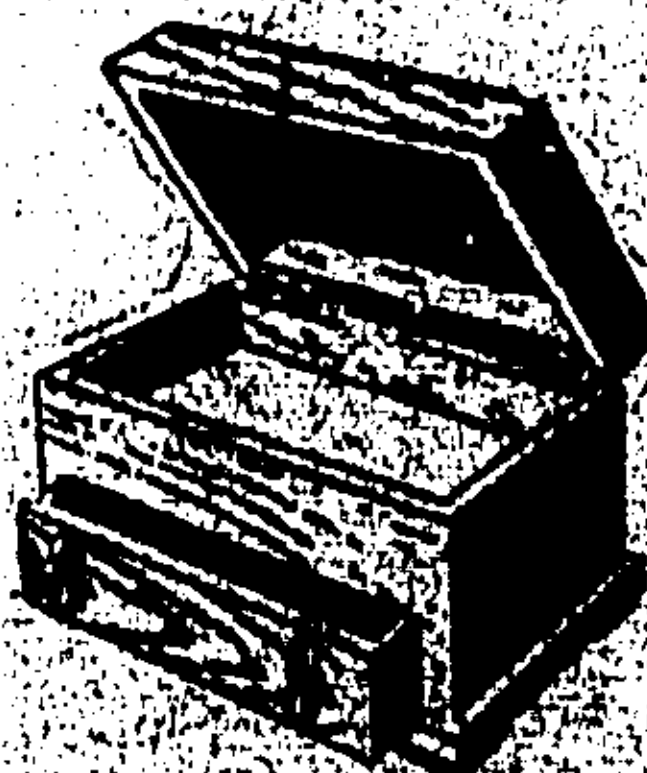
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R.A.F. SWINGS INTO ACTION AGAINST NEW OFFENSIVE

London, To-day.

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES that throughout Wednesday, Wednesday night and Thursday strong forces of heavy and medium bombers of the R.A.F. have been continually engaged in harassing the second phase of the German offensive against the Allied armies in France, with a series of attacks on mechanised columns, troop concentrations and lines of communications behind the German battlefield.

Hits were registered on two convoys, a military train was derailed and at strategic points roads and railways temporarily made unusable.

In addition, oil refineries and marshalling yards in the Ruhr and near Hamburg were bombed.

Medium bombers, after successfully attacking between Amiens and Arras, were intercepted by enemy fighters which were engaged. Two were seen to be in flames.

Chain Of Fire

At Cambrai, direct hits were registered on the railway marshalling yard, tearing up tracks for hundreds of yards.

The enemy-occupied aerodrome at Cambrai was bombed and at Le Cateau the enemy was subjected to heavy bombardment, a train being wrecked. St. Quentin and Douai were also visited.

The principal oil depots attacked were set on fire and at the end of the set on fire and at the end of the bombing there was a chain of fire over the whole target area.

The Kiel Canal and Heligoland were also visited.—Reuter.

QUEEN VISITS WOUNDED

London, To-day.

The Queen visited wounded French and British soldiers and airmen yesterday afternoon at Hertfordshire Hospital.

Her Majesty, who talked with the French soldiers in fluent French, paid a special visit to a young airman who, when his fighter was shot down in flames, took to his parachute with his clothes on fire.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI RECRUITING REGISTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Shanghai, To-day.

The United Services Association of Shanghai is starting to-day the registration of British subjects between the ages of 20 and 35 who are willing to join the Services but who are unable to pay their passages to England.

An announcement to this effect appears in the newspapers this morning. The British Embassy, it will be recalled, stated on Wednesday that there would be no objection officially against the collection of funds for sending volunteers home, although departures would not be permitted until sanctioned from London.—Our Own Correspondent.

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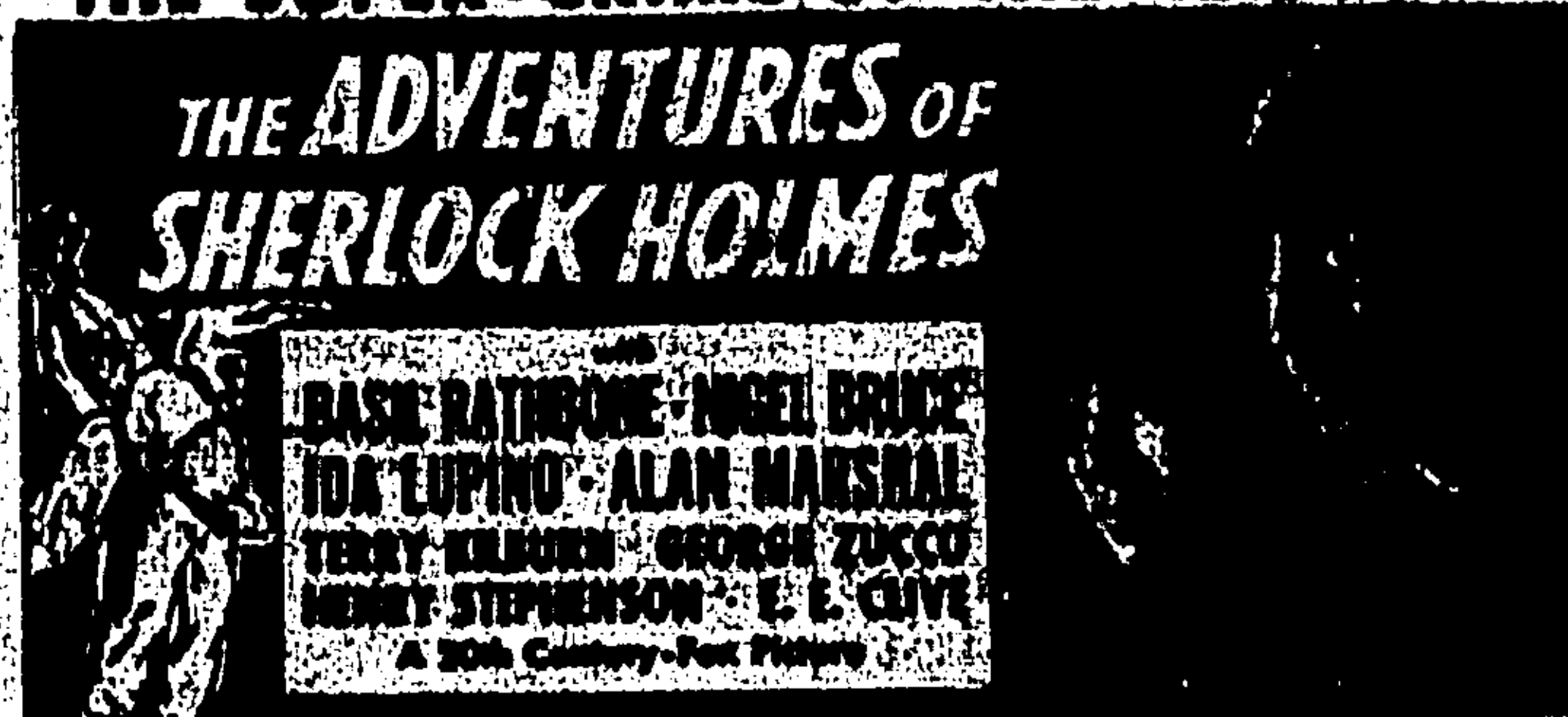


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UNITED STATES POLICY IN FAR EAST UNCHANGED

Washington, To-day.

DESPITE ENDLESS RUMOURS to the contrary, no change has been made in United States policy towards the Far East, nor does any appear to be contemplated; the policy remains as it was when the Japanese trade treaty was denounced.

The attitude of officials is still that the Japanese action in China caused the treaty to be abrogated and nothing in subsequent Japanese actions justifies any change in policy here.

At recent press conferences the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has often been questioned whether negotiations or conversations are taking place with a view to arranging a new treaty.

He invariably has replied there has been no change in the situation, nor does any seem likely.

All evidence arriving here points to increasing rather than decreasing Japanese difficulties in China and increasingly serious economic difficulties in Japan itself, thus lessening the chances of Japan "cutting up rough" in the Netherlands Indies or elsewhere.

In addition, the presence of large Soviet forces, including many planes, in eastern Siberia is considered a brake on Japanese imperialist ambitions.

Congress Stiffer

Recently there has been a move in both congressional and administration circles for an even stiffer attitude towards Japan's persistent trampling on American interests in China.

Furthermore, while the clause in the Defence Bill now before Congress giving the President powers to curtail or prohibit the export of any materials and munitions required for American defence appears prima facie to be concerned with the dangers from Europe, there is reason to believe it is chiefly aimed at Japan.

In other words, the Administration has taken advantage of recent panic over the American defences to slip through Congress a clause which, if openly addressed to the Far Eastern situation, might have caused some nervousness among the isolationists.

Special Reference

The clause is believed to have been drafted by the War Department and the State Department with special reference to Japan, and the first action under it has been the announcement of an embargo on the export of ma-

chine tools on which the Japanese arms industry has entirely depended since German supplies were cut off.

The State Department stands absolutely firm as regards the Netherlands East Indies, and the recent concern over American defences will assist this firmness.

The country is genuinely worried over its defences and officialdom, Congress and the press regard the safeguarding of rubber and tin supplies from Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies as a vital part of American foreign policy.

It is easy to find here political observers here who believe America will take immediate action should Japan inadvisedly make a serious move on the Indies.—Reuter.

AIR COLONEL ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A GERMAN COLONEL COMMANDING A BOMBER SQUADRON IN THE PARIS AIR RAID WAS MADE PRISONER AFTER HIS CRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN, THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION REVEALED YESTERDAY.

It is added that from the 25 German planes brought down in the raid, 75 German aviators were either killed or taken prisoner.—Havas.

COLLAPSE ON FERRY

Travelling from Kowloon on the Vehicular Ferry yesterday, an American seaman, Leonard Poysky, 35, employed on board the s.s. President Cleveland, collapsed.

An ambulance was summoned when the ferry arrived at the Wharf and he was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital. His condition is said to have improved.

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JAPANESE CONTINUE HEAVY RAIDS ON CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.
TWO BATCHES OF Japanese planes bombed the western outskirts of Chungking between 12.30 and 1.45 yesterday afternoon.
The Chinese Air Command reports that a Japanese raider was shot down by a Chinese fighter.

Meanwhile, Chinese official sources place total casualties in air raids in the Chungking area during the past month at 727. Of these, 485 were killed, 136 severely wounded and 156 slightly injured.

The authorities state the actual figure is probably higher as a number of casualties were not reported. The casualty list is considered low in view of the number of Japanese raids in this area during May.

Eloquent Figures

Relief figures, compared with those of last year, speak eloquently; the joint board of air raid relief paid out last month a total of \$8,811 to wounded or bereaved families, as against \$50,000 for the corresponding month last year.

That fierce bombings can be expected shortly is seen in the fact that the board announced yesterday that 3,000 coffins would be prepared for poor people who might be killed. —Havas.

BADLY INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Cheng Fat-yau, 29, was yesterday admitted to Kowloon Hospital with multiple injuries sustained during a dynamite explosion in Chinese territory.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over North China and the Pacific to the east of the Korean peninsula; it is relatively low over the Sea of Japan, Indo-China, the northern China Sea and the western Caribbean.

HELP FOR GASTRITIS VICTIMS

The great problem in gastritis and other digestive disturbances is how to rest the sick stomach and still nourish the exhausted body.

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WANG KEH-MIN'S RESIGNATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.
Wang Keh-min, chairman of the North China political council, who has already resigned, is completing preparations to hand over his post to his reported successor, Wang Yitang, who is now in Peiping and is said to be carrying on final parleys with various authorities preparatory to his accession to power. —Havas.

MOTORING OFFENCES

Leung Fan, 19, apprentice, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with stealing a camera from Mr. A. G. Dalziel at Chung Tin Building.

Sub-Inspector Byron said defendant was sent to Mr. Dalziel's office on Wednesday to repair an electric fan, and stole the camera when he left the premises.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

AMERICANS TO DEPORT ALL SPIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
A bill providing for the immediate deportation of foreigners guilty of espionage or sabotage in the interests of a foreign power was approved without debate by the House of Representatives and forwarded to the Senate. —Havas.

RELIEF SHIP TO SAIL FOR BORDEAUX

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
The first American relief ship chartered by the Red Cross is to sail for Bordeaux next week. Over \$3,000,000 has already been subscribed all over the United States for this purpose. —Havas.

RUMANIAN ECONOMY ON WAR BASIS

Bucharest, To-day.
Rumania has decided to put the national economy on a wartime basis. The Minister of National Economy will control production, and the chief articles of national consumption will be standardised and prices fixed. —Reuter.

RADIO BAN FOR ALL ENEMY ALIENS

London, To-day.
The Home Secretary has made an order prohibiting enemy aliens possessing any wireless apparatus, whether for transmitting or receiving. —Reuter.

QUISLING WAS SHOT, SAY FUGITIVES

Major Quisling, head of the puppet government Hitler aimed at setting up in Norway, was shot—according to Norwegian fugitives—by three students.

The Gothenburg newspaper "Göteborgs Posten" published an interview with the fugitives who made this assertion.

The newspaper points out that, while there is no direct evidence of the truth of the report, there has been no news about Quisling lately.

MUI TSAI CASE

Tse Hon-ching, 50, a widow, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with keeping an unregistered mui tsai, ill-treating the girl and common assault.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge of ill-treatment.

Hearing was adjourned to June 12.

BOTTLE SWITCHING TRICK

BY A CHANGE OF BOTTLES, TWO CHINESE, TAM KONG, 32, AND HO CHI, 29, SWINDLED THE CENTRAL MEAT SUPPLY COMPANY AND THE DAIRY FARM OF TWO BOTTLES OF BOVRIL. IT WAS ALLEGED AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING.

The two men, one admitting two previous convictions, were sentenced to two months' and six months' hard labour, respectively.

Accused went to the Kowloon Branch of the Dairy Farm at about noon on Wednesday and asked for a bottle of Bovril. It was placed in front of them on the counter.

They then asked for other articles and while the assistant was getting them, they changed the Bovril for a similarly shaped bottle containing Chinese sauce.

The assistant, however, discovered the fraud, and had both men arrested. Investigations disclosed that accused carried out the same trick on the other company on March 16.

PARIS TAKES STERN STEPS AGAINST PARACHUTISTS

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY TOOK DRASTIC STEPS TO COUNTER POSSIBLE ATTACKS BY SOLDIERS LANDED FROM GERMAN PLANES.

Parisians entering the city were surprised to see camouflaged buses drawn up across wide streets and squares.

A War Ministry communique reassured the public that there was no need for anxiety about the measures which were taken in Paris and other parts of the country.

"It is quite normal for precautions to be taken against the possible landing of parachutists or transport planes, and no other significance should be attached to these measures," it states. —Reuter.

HE'S PROBABLY A PARACHUTIST!

London, To-day.

Advice to the general public about parachute-troops was given yesterday by the "Manchester Guardian," which says the public has its part to play.

When any member of the public is stopped by a man in field-gray uniform, carrying a sub-machine gun and probably also a collapsible bicycle, who asks where the aerodrome is, the only answer to give is: "I'm sorry, but I'm a stranger round here myself!"

The "Manchester Guardian" says: "You may be shot—but you will, have done your duty." —Reuter.

ASSAULT ACCUSATION

Allegations that Mrs. V. A. Roach, of No. 8, Granville Road, assaulted J. F. Whelan, of the Naval Dockyard Police, early this morning in Granville Road, were made before Mr. E. Hims-worth at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

After the alleged incident, a charge was preferred at the Water Police Station and she was allowed bail of \$10.

She failed to appear, however, and her bail was estreated.

WORKMAN'S THEFT

Mr. R. B. Mace, of the Swedish Match Company, No. 10, Queen's Road Central, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning for parking his car from 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. in Pedder Street. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Dr. Helen L. Canaval, of Shell House, was fined \$5 for parking overtime in Pedder Street on May 21.

Mr. D. G. G. Allen, of the Franklin Laboratory, was cautioned, for causing an obstruction at Chater Road.

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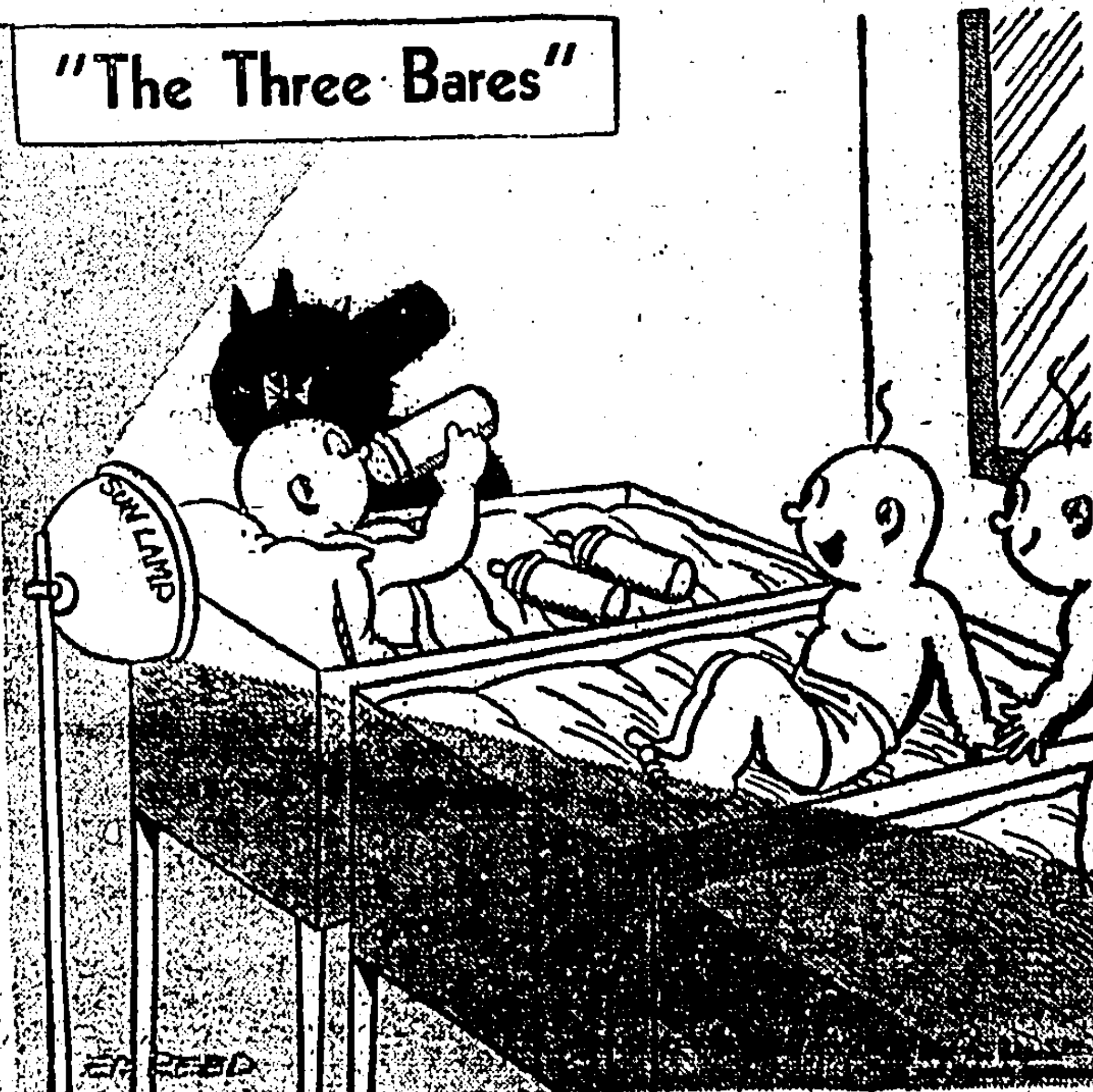


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PARIS, TO-DAY.

"WITHIN THE LAST FORTNIGHT I HAVE TWICE ADDRESSED YOU AND EACH TIME I HAD TO ANNOUNCE SAD NEWS," DECLARED THE PREMIER, M. PAUL REYNAUD, IN A BROADCAST TO THE FRENCH NATION LAST NIGHT.

"On May 21 I informed the Senate that the Germans had taken Amiens. On May 28 I announced the King of the Belgians had betrayed us and the road to Dunkirk was open.

"To-day, in an hour which remains grave, I am going to give reasons for hope — not words but facts.

"Germany has launched herself against us with her usual brutality by three separate thrusts.

"The first was when German propaganda announced that the Allied armies which had gone to fight in Belgium had been encircled and would be annihilated. They were to be cut off from the sea, deprived of munitions and provisions, and the world would witness a capitulation unprecedented in history.

"In the face of the impossibility of impairing this vast loss of fighters, the morale of the Allies would be crushed.

"This ring of steel, however, was never closed, and 333,000 Allied soldiers were embarked at Dunkirk, teaching Germany the significance of mastery over the seas.

"Far from breaking up, the morale of our troops and our country revealed itself equal to the strain and worthy of our ancestors.

Heroes Of Flanders

"The heroism of the Battle of Flanders and of the rearguard fight before

Dunkirk have already gone down in history. During these days the valour of our military leaders has affirmed itself in magnificent fashion.

"This morning I received Admiral Abrial, defender of Dunkirk.

"In these men, who have won the admiration of the entire world, France believes. In these men we see the revived and eternal glory of the generals of the Revolution and of the admirals of the French kings.

"All the glory has been revived by thousands of obscure sacrifices which will probably never come to light, made by soldiers of our northern armies and our sailors.

"After the surprises of the first combat, our soldiers of 1940 have proved themselves equal to those of 1914 who never doubted victory even when the Germans were winning.

The Raid On Paris

"The second German thrust was aimed at breaking the morale of Paris.

"Last Monday, Hitler organised a spectacular raid on the capital. He employed hundreds of bombers and fighter planes.

"What were the alleged objectives of importance? All the world knows and he knows, as has been proved by precise figures, that women and children and old people were hit.

"Did all this disturb Paris? No, not for a second.

"Some minutes after the bombing raid I saw on the spot the proud faces of our working men and women, of the people of Paris who do not know how to tremble.

"We know now that what appeared to be a colossal raid was nothing to the soul of Paris.

Reprisal Raids

"This raid, as you know, did not remain without a reply. On the night of Tuesday successive waves of British bombers attacked the factories of the Ruhr; bombs were dropped on Dortmund, Frankfurt, Duesseldorf, Cologne and Essen. The fire of petrol stores set alight was visible from a distance of 150 kilometres.

"French bombers flew over Mannheim, Ulm, Ludwigshafen and Munich; the colossal factory of Badische Anilin was set on fire. The flames were visible from the French frontier.

"Each raid on a French town will be answered in the same manner in future. That much about the air raid.

Battle For France

"The third German enterprise, and the most decisive one, is the one we witnessed to-day.

"It is the battle for France, it is an attack in the grand style, preceded by Hitler's proclamation to his troops.

"All means which we know have been put into operation. Aircraft and armoured divisions are once more attempting an infiltration and a break through of our front.

"The battle has already commenced and I shall tell you nothing but what General Weygand has told—"I am satisfied with the manner in which the battle has begun and the manner in which my order for resistance at any price is being executed," he said.

"On the ground on which we were forced to improvise resistance, our army is showing that it is adapting itself to the new conditions of warfare.

"Since the beginning of the battle 100 enemy tanks have been destroyed and the Allied aviation is supporting the action of our troops.

All The World Watches

"All the world watches breathlessly the development of this battle because the Battle of June, 1940, will decide its fate, as Hitler has said, perhaps for centuries.

"What is the risk which must be realised in Europe and outside Europe? To-day all the world knows it is the regime of oppression, where men who are not Germans play the role of slaves.

"The new world announced by Hitler in his proclamation may begin perhaps by trickery but soon enough will follow orders for bullying, snatches in the faces of workers, and the moral and physical destruction of the elite.

"It would be a world of the Middle Ages again which would not be illuminated by the mercy of Christ.

"This dream of German hegemony will be smashed against the French resistance, because the France which is standing up to-day against Hitler is

ALLIED RAW MATERIALS FROM D.E.I.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DELIVERY OF RAW MATERIALS TO THE ALLIES FROM THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AND THE USE OF THE ALLIED POOL OF SHIPPING ARE TWO IMPORTANT ECONOMIC MATTERS NOW RECEIVING THE ATTENTION OF THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT, REUTER LEARNS IN AUTHORITATIVE DUTCH CIRCLES IN LONDON.

Supplies of raw materials are to be made in such a way that there shall be no interference with exports to Japan and the United States.

The most economical use of all Allied shipping is also being considered, and Dutch shipping will give the utmost assistance to the Allies but sufficient tonnage must be available for exports to Japan, the U.S.A., Australia and South Africa.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION IN HOUSE OF LORDS

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that the House of Lords will hold a secret session next Wednesday.—Reuter.

not the France of the period between the two wars.

New Spirit

"It is another France, just as that Britain which is fighting Hitler is not the Britain of the last 20 years.

"We French of June, 1940, have but one thought—to save France. All members of the Government are animated by a common will to conquer.

"We will not lose our time when the country is in danger on debates on responsibility. We will not weaken France by dividing her.

"Each one of us and each one of you will bear responsibilities, each elector and each elected.

"Our first duty is to realise our own faults—in successive governments and in public spirit.

"Democracy has for a long time been lacking in foresight and audacity. The idea of the fatherland and of military valour has been too long neglected.

"Let this be brought home to all before closing this chapter of our history and working with the fierce energy of men whose eyes have been opened.

"Only the propaganda of Goebbels is interested in fomenting discord. The French masses listen to it with contempt when it describes our country as plutocratic.

Calm And Proud

"France is calm and proud, like her Ally.

"For some time before the thunder clap of the new conflict the Allies had, with all other countries, a vital interest in common—to prevent the hegemony of Germany.

"Thus it is for the independence of all other countries that our soldiers are fighting on the Somme and Aisne.

"There is no nation with whom France cannot settle by peaceful means divergent interests which appear to oppose each other.

"I have stated so publicly and I repeat it.

Danger Immense

"France desires a settlement of these problems and the reconstruction of a Europe in which the prosperity and independence of each nation is assured.

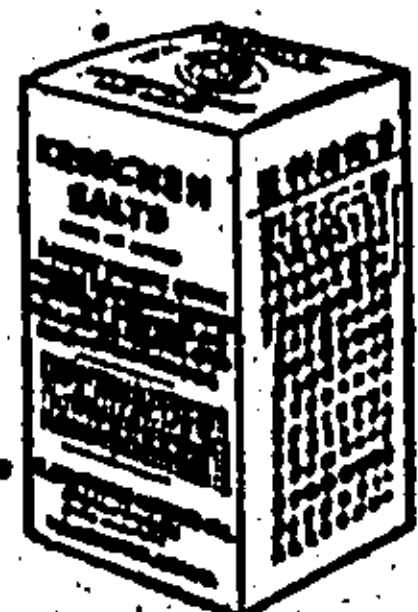
"Let spectators of the drama of the battle for France understand and quickly that the danger is immense.

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Highland Regiments In Action On Somme

ALLIES MEET TANK ATTACKS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
HIGHLAND REGIMENTS OF A FAMOUS DIVISION YESTERDAY WERE FIERCELY RESISTING THE GERMAN ATTACK ON THE SOMME FRONT, SAYS "EYE-WITNESS" WRITING FROM ADVANCED BATTLE HEAD-QUARTERS ON THE SOMME FRONT.

These troops are part of the British forces on the front which are holding a section of the line near Abbeville.

The Germans, launching a strong push in the darkness on Wednesday night from the Somme, where they already held several bridgeheads, isolated several of our positions, but the British troops, though surrounded, fought on tenaciously, living up magnificently to the division's reputation for toughness and courage.

German penetrations made it necessary to withdraw our line at certain places to positions several miles south of the Somme, but every inch of ground is being contested.

Men of every profession and trade have been among those who met the German onslaught fearlessly and calmly, and many militiamen who were called to the colours only a year ago showed themselves as good soldiers as any.

Excellent Spirits

Our men are in excellent spirits despite heavy artillery, machinegun fire and low flying bombing.

The general said: "They just shake themselves afterwards and laugh."

Yesterday's fighting was in blazing sunshine and almost tropical heat, and many fought in their shirt sleeves.

Artillery Barrage

Probably the German attack in this sector would have been even fiercer but for the terrific artillery bombardment of several bridges on Wednesday, in which more than 30,000 shells were fired.

So far it is not clear whether or not this attack on the Lower Somme is merely a sideshow to distract attention from the much heavier assault further east which the French armies are so gallantly resisting, but whatever should develop, every preparation has been made to meet the situation.—Reuter.

Morale Splendid

Paris, To-day.
 A French communique says the morale of our troops is splendid.

Our aviation continued the destruction of the Rhineland railway system and factories in the region of the Rhine.

In the course of the day of June 5, 36 enemy planes were shot down with certainty by our fighters and anti-aircraft guns, and seven other enemy aircraft were hit and probably destroyed.

There is nothing to report on the rest of the front and enemy attacks which might have been expected in the region of Reims did not materialise.—Reuter.

Centre Holding Firm

Paris, To-day.
 Military quarters state the Germans flung over 2,000 tanks into the battle yesterday several hundred of them being destroyed.

The tanks failed to penetrate the French defences which are disposed in great depth.

Infiltrations of six or seven miles occurred on the lower Somme and the Ailette Canal but nearly all the French points of support held firm.

French cannon-firing aircraft attacked German tanks with good effect. It is indicated that despite the enormous quantities of material used

by the Germans, the whole of the French centre is holding firm.—Reuter.

Only Just Beginning

London, To-day.
 Reports reaching London from Paris indicate that the French authorities, while not dissatisfied with the military position, emphasise it is yet too early in the battle to give rise either to optimism or pessimism.

The French military spokesman described the day as being "not unsatisfactory" and described the new anti-tank tactics as "working."

Arrangements had been made, he said, to ensure tanks were unable to obtain French petrol and consequently a certain degree of penetration could be allowed without much danger.

He emphasised, however, that the battle was only just beginning and the full German strength is by no means yet engaged.—British Wireless.

Masses Of Tanks

Paris, To-day.
 A French communique says the battle continues on all fronts between the sea and the region of Chemin des Dames.

The enemy has thrown into the fray masses of tanks in groups of 200 and 300 at numerous points on the battlefield. The number of tanks engaged can be estimated at more than 2,000.

Our divisions fought magnificently. Clinging to strong points, battalions, companies, platoons and batteries faced up to the onslaught of the tanks, smothering them with their fire.

Our aviation is giving aid and is attacking armoured vehicles with bombs and guns, supporting without respite our infantry and artillery and claiming it as an honour to return to the battle.

The number of tanks destroyed exceeds several hundreds.

In the face of this unprecedented onslaught of the enemy, certain of our units were submerged and outflanked, particularly in the region of the lower Somme, where enemy elements succeeded in penetrating and filtering in as far as the River Bresle.

Also in the region of the Ailette, detachments of the enemy pushed forward until they reached the heights bordering the right bank of the Aisne.—Reuter.

DUKE OF WINDSOR RELINQUISHES POST

London, To-day.
 It was learned in London yesterday that the Duke of Windsor has relinquished his post as liaison officer with the French and British armies.—Reuter.

RESERVED OCCUPATIONS

London, To-day.

A request to the Minister of Labour in a Parliamentary question to revise the schedule of reserved occupations "so that men kept out of the Army may no longer be employed on work which is not of sufficient national importance" gave an opportunity which was taken by the Parliamentary Secretary to recall the purpose and meaning of the reservation and to state that the schedule is constantly under review and is revised whenever necessary to meet the changing requirements of the defence forces and of industry.—British Wireless.

FINANCIAL PLANS FOR MUNITIONS

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said yesterday that all firms producing munitions will not be held up by lack of money to pay for wages and materials, special arrangements having been made. All work will be paid for while it is in progress.—Reuter.

TIENTSIN SILVER QUESTION

Tokyo, To-day.

At an interview between the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, and the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tani, a final Anglo-Japanese understanding was apparently clinched on the settlement of the long-standing Tientsin silver issue, the "Asahi Shimbun" reports.

The paper adds that a formal exchange of memoranda in that connection between Britain and Japan and France and Japan will take place shortly.—Reuter.

DOCK DOG BITES

A house coolie, Chan Yip, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday after being bitten by a dog at No. 9, Albion Terrace. The dog belonged to Mr. W. Gray, and was sent to Matakok for observation.

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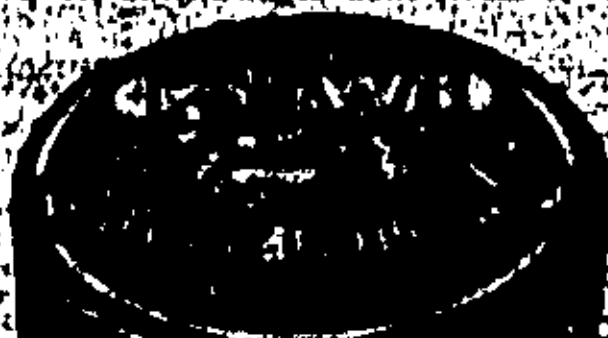
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Miss Muriel Spary makes a pretty picture at the Cottage Club meet on Saturday.



Miss D. Raven, who was among those taking part in the Cottage Club's Wild West ride last weekend.

ASTONISHING TALE

Alleged Italo-Japanese Plan For Shanghai

To Seize The Settlement And Concession

Chungking, To-day.

THE CHINESE PRESS GIVES prominence to a report of alleged Japanese plans to seize the International Settlement and French Concession in Shanghai in the event of Italy's entry into the European war.

GOVERNMENT AND AIR RAID DAMAGE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE NEW CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, HAS ANNOUNCED NEW WAR DAMAGE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE IMMEDIATE HELP TO BE GIVEN TO THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE INCOMES ARE BELOW CERTAIN LIMITS, AND CANNOT REPLACE DAMAGED FURNITURE.

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Maximum clothing advances will be from £10 to £30 according to the number of dependants in the household.—Reuter.

NATHAN ROAD CHASE

Mrs. R. O. Hall, wife of the Rt. Rev. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, with a few friends pursued a thief and recovered a hand-bag which the man had stolen from her car last night near St. Andrew's Church.

Coming out of the Church Hall at 7 p.m., Mrs. Hall saw a Chinese get into her car which was parked outside, take the handbag and run towards Austin Road. She raised an alarm and with a few friends pursued the thief.

The man, turning into Austin Road, threw the bag away. It was recovered with none of the contents missing.

AMBASSADORS URGE AMERICA TO ACTION

Washington, To-day.

The American Ambassadors in London and Paris are "telephoning and cabling us to do everything to accelerate the production of military essentials," one of President Roosevelt's secretaries stated yesterday.

The secretary was replying to queries about reports that the two Ambassadors had sent requests to Washington that planes and military equipment to the Allies should be rushed.—Reuter.

FALSE BANK RUMOUR

Beiping, To-day.

The Belgian Embassy state that Chinese reports that the Sino-Belgian Bank has suspended business in Tientsin, are false. The bank is working normally.—Reuter.

The alleged plans are said to comprise the following points:—

Firstly, the Wang Ching-wei government is establishing a committee consisting of Hsu Liang (Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs), Wang Hang-chang (Vice-Minister for Justice) and Siao-en (Mayor of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai) for the purpose of taking over the two special district courts, the police and public utilities.

Secondly, the pro-Wang Ching-wei press is agitating for the retrocession of the Concessions and is launching a campaign against France and Britain.

Thirdly, the power and water supply from Yangtsepoo to the International Settlement and from Nantao to the French Concession, will be stopped.

Food Blockade

Fourthly, plans have also been made to prevent foodstuffs from entering the Settlement and Concession. Disturbances will be organised in the foreign areas, after which Japanese troops and puppet police will enter the areas for the alleged purpose of maintaining peace and order.

Fifthly, the Japanese, together with the Italian Command, will notify the authorities of the International Settlement and French Concession to hand over their administrations and withdraw their troops.

The Chinese report alleges that the Japanese and Italian military authorities in Shanghai will take action as soon as Italy formally enters the European war.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE BILL AGAINST FIFTH COLUMN

Buenos Aires, To-day.

A bill intended to protect Argentina against Fifth Columnists was tabled yesterday by the Government and is expected to pass through all stages in Congress today. The bill provides for the rigorous control of all foreign societies.—Reuter.

MONGKOK FIRE PANIC

A PANIC OCCURRED AMONG THE TENANTS OF NO. 145, SAIYEE STREET, MONG KOK, SHORTLY AFTER 11.30 P.M. LAST NIGHT WHEN A FIRE BROKE OUT ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

There was a general stampede down the stairs to escape when attempts to extinguish the outbreak by some of the inmates failed.

No one was, however, injured. Two fire engines were sent from the Tsimshatsui and Mong Kok Fire Stations.

The fire was extinguished by 12.30 a.m. to-day.

BERMUDA'S WAR VOTE

London, To-day.

The Legislature of Bermuda has just voted £40,000 towards the cost of the war. Total contributions of the Bermuda Government and people amount to over £15,000 plus 1,500 tons of scrap metals.

The Colonial Secretary has telegraphed to the Governor of Bermuda saying that the generous offer of the Legislature is gratefully accepted and he asks the Governor to convey to the Legislature an expression of his high appreciation. He also notes with satisfaction the other assistance given to the war effort by Bermuda.—British Wireless.

BIG BATTLE PENDING

Chungking, To-day.

A major Sino-Japanese battle is expected to take place on the west bank of the Han River shortly, declared the Chinese military spokesman.

The spokesman estimated that one-third of the Japanese forces participating in the drive on Ichang have already crossed the Han River.

He said 15,000 Japanese crossed the river east of Shasi, while 30,000 more were crossing.

The Chinese Command had made elaborate preparations a long time ago to meet the drive towards Ichang, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

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VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS FLEET

London, To-day.

A BRIEF TALK ON THE Netherlands Navy was broadcast yesterday by Mr. Van Sloos, a Dutch journalist, who has just visited the Dutch Home Fleet at anchor in a naval base "Somewhere in England."

His listeners, he said, could imagine the feelings of a Dutchman, completely cut off from his Mother Country which is now under the heel of an invader, to see the Dutch "Red, White and Blue" fluttering from the masts of Dutch men-of-war. He was deeply moved and he felt very proud.

There they were at anchor. A few were battle-scarred, but that only seemed to make them look more defiant than anything else.

He went on board some of the larger ships, and it was curious, in a British naval base, to hear Dutch bugle calls and Dutch commands being shouted, and then, in British home waters, to hear the proud, ringing cry of "Long Live Queen Wilhelmina!"

Ships In Action

When he said that he had visited the Dutch Home Fleet, he was actually exaggerating, he went on. A great part of the Home squadron left harbour some time ago, and these ships are now in action at the side of the British and French navies. British and French naval officers told him that the Dutch ships were doing very well and taking their full share of the work.

For obvious reasons, he could not indicate how many Dutch warships are now fighting with the Allied navies, but he could say that their number is considerable and that there are several important units among them.

At the base itself, the crews are working night and day to make their ships ready for action. No urging is needed, for all the officers and men are eager to meet the enemy for the second time.

Their spirit is like that of the men of the B.E.F. who have returned from Flanders—"We have not finished with the Germans yet, by no means!"

Twigs Of The Old Broom

The name of "Tromp" lives not only in the annals of Dutch maritime history; his British listeners would also know the reputation of the Dutch Navy and of the man who hoisted a broom to his mast as a sign that he had swept the enemy from the sea.

There is no admiral named Tromp at present in the Dutch Navy, but there are many who are descendants of those 17th Century Dutch sailors. They also have ships named after their naval heroes.

"These are now added to the Allied Navy," he concluded.

"They will be additional twigs in the broom with which our enemy is to be swept off the sea."—Reuter.

RAID ON OIL TANKS AT GHENT

London, To-day.

When aircraft of the R.A.F. Coastal Command again raided Ghent yesterday, the pilots not only bombed the oil tanks which the Germans had captured there but also flew low and machinegunned their targets.

Direct hits with heavy bombs were made on several tanks. Blazing oil could be seen many miles away. The flames were so bright that one pilot evading the searchlights, was able to climb to 8,000 feet and still see the target plainly.

He dropped another salvo and started more fires. Then he dived towards the tanks again and when only 400 feet up opened fire with his front gun. The rear gunner took up the fire as they passed over the target. He saw tracer bullets setting the oil ablaze.—British Wireless.

SOVIET MOBILISING PARTIALLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

Well-informed quarters state a small scale mobilisation is taking place in Russia.

All soldiers who fought in the Polish and Finnish campaigns are being again called to the Colours and youths leaving school are being mobilised before the normal time.

Moscow and all neighbouring stations are busily dealing with military transports both of troops and materials which are almost exclusively heading south, towards the Rumanian border, Crimea and the Caucasus.

Reason for the movements is unknown; Soviet propaganda is silent on the subject while still remaining frankly hostile to the Allies.—Havas.

REPLACEMENT OF LOST MATERIAL

Ottawa, To-day.

Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions, stated yesterday the Canadian motor industry was in a position to begin immediate replacement of the vast quantities of supplies and mechanised transport lost by the B.E.F. in Flanders, and conversations on the subject were now taking place with the British Government.

Mr. Howe estimated Canadian factories could produce equipment like gun-carriers, trucks and other vehicles at the rate of 60,000 a year.—Reuter.

515 FASCISTS UNDER ARREST

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary stated in the Commons that 515 persons had been detained up to Wednesday night under Regulation 18B of the Defence Regulations, amended on May 22, enabling the Home Secretary to order the detention of members of organisations which may be used for purposes prejudicial to the national security.

Captain Ramsay, M.P., Sir Oswald Mosley and leading Fascists were arrested under this regulation.—British Wireless.

STERLING SOARS

New York, To-day.

Sterling soared on the New York foreign exchange market yesterday on very heavy short covering due to reports that Britain is planning to abolish the free market.

If all sterling is put on the official rate, short operators are obviously confronted with severe loss. Forward sterling business was almost completely suspended.

The franc following sterling while other currencies were lifeless.—Reuter.

MUSSOLINI SILENT: NO MOVE YET MADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.

RUMOURS THAT SIGNOR MUSSOLINI WOULD ANNOUNCE ITALY'S ENTRY INTO THE WAR IN A PUBLIC SPEECH YESTERDAY WERE FALSIFIED BY EVENTS. IL DUCE DID NOT MAKE ANY SPEECH AT ALL.

Nothing has yet occurred in the political domain to supply any indication regarding military intervention by Italy.

Political circles have the impression things may still drag on and that several days may elapse before Italy takes the final step.

U-BOAT ATROCITY OFF OSTEND

London, To-day.

Details of the Nazi machine-gunning of men, women and children who were struggling in the water were told yesterday by one of the very few survivors of the 689-ton steamship Abukir which was sunk by a torpedo about an hour and a half after leaving Ostend on May 27.

The ship left port with about 200 passengers, including a large number of refugees of whom forty to fifty were women, and some children.

While in Ostend the ship had been subjected to continual bombing but had not been hit and these attacks continued until she was some way out to sea when they suddenly ceased.

Those on board thought they were clear of danger but in fact the Abukir had reached the area in which a U-boat was operating.

Two torpedoes were fired, both of which missed.

A little later the submarine was seen to surface and the Abukir's captain tried to ram her but the ship's speed of only eight knots was too slow.

Sank In Seconds

The U-boat fired two more torpedoes one of which hit the Abukir amidships. She broke in two and sank in less than a minute.

The Second Officer was carried down with the ship but was released by the list when she settled on the sea bottom.

When he reached the surface he found the sea swept by a searchlight and immediately machineguns started firing at the helpless people struggling in the water.

A few of these managed to cling to a large piece of wreckage; among them were French and Belgian girls.

This handful constituted the sole survivors. They were picked up by a British destroyer about six hours later.—British Wireless.

MATCHES AND SUGAR RATIONED IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The much discussed system of tickets for the distribution of sugar and matches in the capital and Osaka is to be enforced from to-day. It is recalled that the system was established at the beginning of the month in the four next largest cities in Japan—Nagoya, Kyoto, Kobe and Yokohama.—Havas.

Many air force planes were flying over Rome all day yesterday, while the black-out has been increased and many streets are now lighted with only blue lights.—Havas.

Impressed By U.S.?

Signor Gayda, writing in yesterday's "Giornale d'Italia," makes an appeal to the United States to stay out of European affairs.

He says: "If the United States does intervene, one cannot see why a European power should not do the same in favour of an American nation in conflict with the United States."

"The United States cannot consider herself burdened with a divine mission which authorises her to decide the life and destinies of other continents."—Reuter.

Italians Homeward Bound

Jerusalem, To-day.

The Italian steamer Galate left Haifa yesterday carrying 150 Italian passengers, most of them women and children.

An Italian air liner failed to arrive here yesterday; it is stated the company is not accepting further bookings to Palestine.—Reuter.

ALLIED PURCHASES IN AMERICA

New York, To-day.

Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau stated yesterday that the Anglo-French purchasing board had formally requested to be allowed to buy surplus Great War army stocks.

The request had been passed on to the War Department.

Mr. Morgenthau added the Allies' original purchasing programme for planes and aero engines had been completed.

He had already discussed with the Allied representatives a new buying plan.—Reuter.

ANTI-CHOLERA CAMPAIGN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

IN A DRIVE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CHOLERA DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS THE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN IS BEING PUSHED AHEAD IN BOTH THE FOREIGN AREAS AND JAPANESE OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

Special vaccination units have been placed at all bridges leading into Hongkew and are giving shots to all those unable to present vaccination certificates.

Five hundred were vaccinated at the bridges on the first day.—Havas.

VATICAN PREPARES FOR WORST

Vatican City, To-day.

Apartments are being prepared at the Palace Santa Marta for the French Ambassador and the British Minister in conformity with the Pope's decision to offer hospitality to the representatives at the Holy-See of nations with which Italy might eventually be at war.

All measures have been taken for a total black-out of Vatican City.

The great vault of the 15th Century Tower of Pope Nicholas V, near St. Peter's, has been cleared of its contents so that it can be used as an air raid shelter. An armoured room in the tower is arranged as a strong room for Church treasure.—Reuter.

"U.S. ALREADY AT WAR"

Washington, To-day.

Speaking in the Senate yesterday, Senator Pepper said Hitler was "already at war" with the United States.

Replying to a Senator who asked what would be the position of the United States if Hitler declared war

on them for supplying war materials to the Allies, Senator Pepper said: "It would not change the situation here very much at all."

"Hitler is already at war with us. He has his Fifth Column in the United States. That is intervention."—Reuter.

CONTE BIANCAMANO'S ORDERS

Panama, To-day.

The Italian liner "Conte Biancamano" is reported to have received orders yesterday to remain in port at Balboa until further notice.—Reuter.

THE DAILY DOWN POUR

Heavy showers falling since 5 a.m. to-day brought the total rainfall between 10 a.m. yesterday and 9 a.m. to-day to 2.425 inches.

The heaviest fall was experienced between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. to-day when almost an inch and a half was registered, the Royal Observatory recording 1.380 inches.

Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. yesterday, 0.030 inches was registered after which no rain fell until 2 a.m. this morning.

The hourly rainfall recorded by the Royal Observatory was as follows:

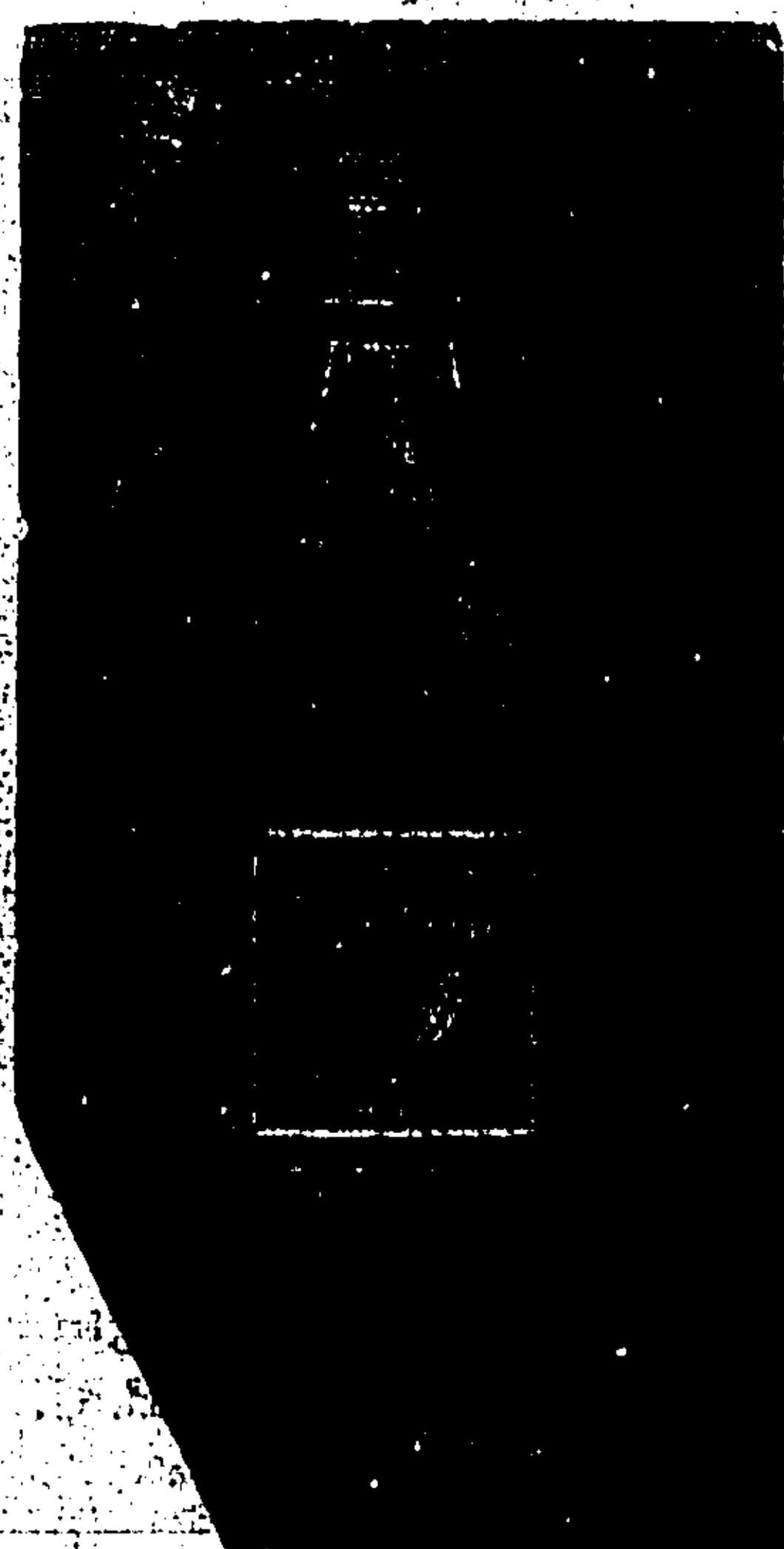
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STILL IN EARLY STAGES

French Military Spokesman On New Battle

French Withdrawal At Two Points Only Slight

London, To-day.

SO FAR, THE NEW BATTLE on the Western Front — from the sea to the Aisne — is still in its early stages and it may be some time before a clear picture of its scope can emerge.

The French military spokesman yesterday admitted that we had made one or two withdrawals, but emphasized that these were slight and only of tactical value.

The Allies, it should be pointed out, never held the whole southern bank of the Somme. The Germans have held two or three bridge-heads ever since their first strike through at Abbeville and the coast.

These bridge-heads are obvious points for the attack, but there has also been pressure at other points, notably in the Amiens, Peronne and Soisson sectors, although the Germans have not yet reached Soissons itself.

There are German armoured vehicles in all these areas, but it is not yet possible to say how many there are or whether they are participating in the main attack.

The French spokesman also spoke about heavy German shelling in the Bethel sector. On Wednesday, this sector was quiet, but yesterday there was a sudden renewed activity which seemed to be in preparation for an attack.

The Germans fired a lot of smoke-shells, presumably to hinder observation and air reconnaissance.

"Hedge-Hogs"

On the whole, said the spokesman, the new system of anti-tank defences completely fulfilled its role. Although some tanks got through, they found themselves in trouble; the further they

went, the more "hedge-hogs"—anti-tank defences—they found, and, when they got well back they were attacked by specially-equipped troops held ready for this purpose.

Motor-cyclists and mechanised infantry which attempted to follow the tanks were caught in a labyrinth cross-fire of machine-guns and aircraft have played a great part in putting the enemy to rout.—Reuter.

"NATIONS LIKE THIS"

New York, To-day.

The "Charlotteville Observer" says: "The government and people which can do what Great Britain has just accomplished, extricating a large proportion of the trapped army in Flanders and transporting it across the English Channel in spite of the deadly unrelenting fire of the German attackers, must establish itself in the fair mind of the world as being unconquerable . . . nations like this are never conquered."—Reuter.



Group photograph taken at a dinner given in honour of Dr. N. Y. Chee by St. John's University Alumni Association at Cafe Wiseman. Among those in the picture are Bishop Hall, Dr. W. W. Yen, Mr. O. K. Yui and Dr. C. T. Wang.

AUSTRALIA IN AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

Sydney, To-day.

Many more aeroplanes, including some new types, are to be built in Australia.

The Australian War Cabinet has approved the purchase of 300 "Tiger Moth" planes and also 200 other aircraft which are to be fitted with the American "Scarab" engines.

Seven flying-boats will be purchased from America and the Commonwealth Corporation is to construct a prototype light 2-engine reconnaissance bomber fitted with "Wasp" engines.

Mr. Menzies, the Prime Minister, says that as it is unlikely that Great Britain will be able to provide Australia with enough machines, these purchases will enable the Commonwealth to live up to its Empire air training scheme commitments.—Reuter.

PRODUCTION MORE THAN OVERHAULING LOSSES

London, To-day.

It is stated in authoritative quarters that exaggerated German claims of the losses inflicted on the British Air Force appear to have raised the question in many countries as to whether the British Air Force can for long continue to stand the strain of the present air operations.

The fact is not only that German claims are wholly irresponsible and exaggerated but that production is more than overhauling our losses and will do so increasingly in future.—Reuter.

NEUTRAL ON NAZI FIGURES

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Goteborg Gothandel" commenting on the war situation says: "German reports always know so much about the enemy's losses and so little about their own."

"They denied all losses in the Kattegat!"

"Their announcement of losses on the Western Front must mean losses on a single sector only, not total losses, or were the losses they admitted in Norway given erroneously?"

"The Germans say they destroyed 300 planes in Paris. Attacking planes fly quickly and it takes time to count up to 300, especially if they have to be destroyed beforehand."

"The Germans say nothing about civilians killed in Germany by Allied air attacks, clearly indicating that military objectives are being bull-eyed."

"Dunkirk must have been the source of German disappointment and anger. A very small force repulsed very much stronger forces as long as it was found to be necessary."

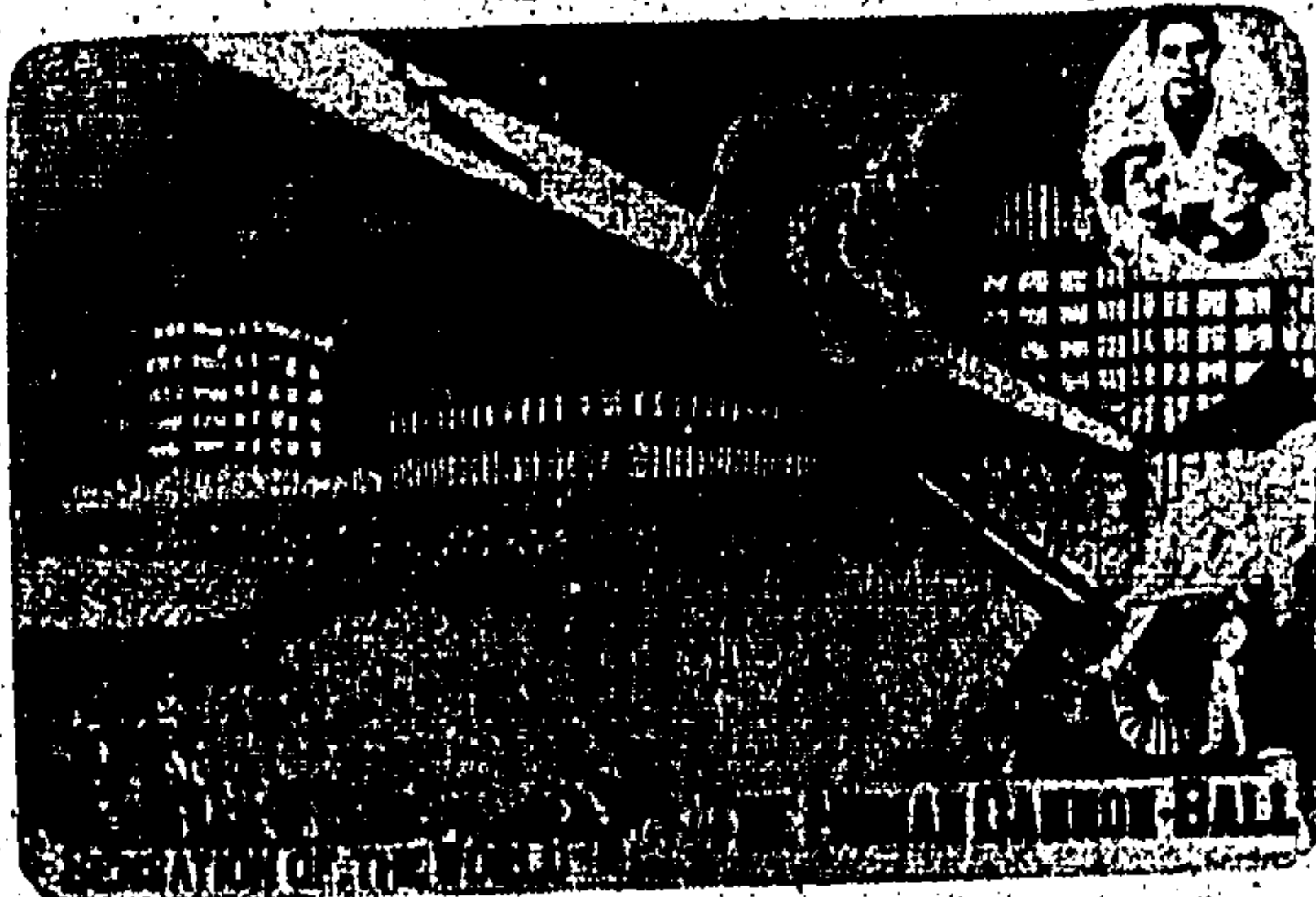
"According to Germans, the way now lies open to England and France. Whichever way they take, it's going to be drenched with blood."—Reuter.

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THEY ARE BOMBING THE RED CROSS

London, May 18.

SOME 25 MILES behind the frontier in Alsace lies the town of Phalsbourg. This town has been dedicated by the French to one purpose and one only—the alleviation of suffering and distress.

Phalsbourg is a town that has been converted into one vast hospital and clearing base in the sector of the Maginot Line.



—the 15th June I enter Paris—the 16th I dash into London—the 17th I take America—the 18th I send an ultimatum to God.

A correspondent with the French Army described on January 27 how it had been hoped that the Nazis would at least respect the humanitarian function of the town and leave it alone.

But on Thursday Phalsbourg was devastated with bombs; the hospital wards and casualty stations were deliberately destroyed by the planes that flew low over the housetops raining death on the injured and dying.

GERMANY AGREES

At the Red Cross Conference in Madrid in 1932, General Schickele, of the French Army, proposed a scheme that was readily adopted, whereby the wounded should be spared the horrors of bombardment in time of war. It was agreed that centres of no military or strategic importance should be set aside as a Red Cross town and that all troops and material of war should be prohibited from entering them. Such centres were to be publicly declared to be devoted entirely to the work of the Red Cross.

Germany agreed to this arrangement.

The entire scheme was to have been ratified at a special conference at Geneva last October, but the war prevented this.

NAZI CONTEMPT

So the French set to work and completely demilitarised Phalsbourg. Not a soldier, or gun or rifle was to be seen. There were no defences and no effort was ever made to provide A.R.P. facilities, as they were convinced that the Germans would never dare to bombard the town.

The French were wrong. The Germans, knowing full well the appalling effect on the morale of the wounded and, of course, the defencelessness of the town, visited it with their bombers. Despite the enormous red cross outlined in white in the centre of the town, despite the revulsion that their conduct must inevitably engender in other neutrals, the Germans have demonstrated their complete contempt for the French faith in honourable warfare.

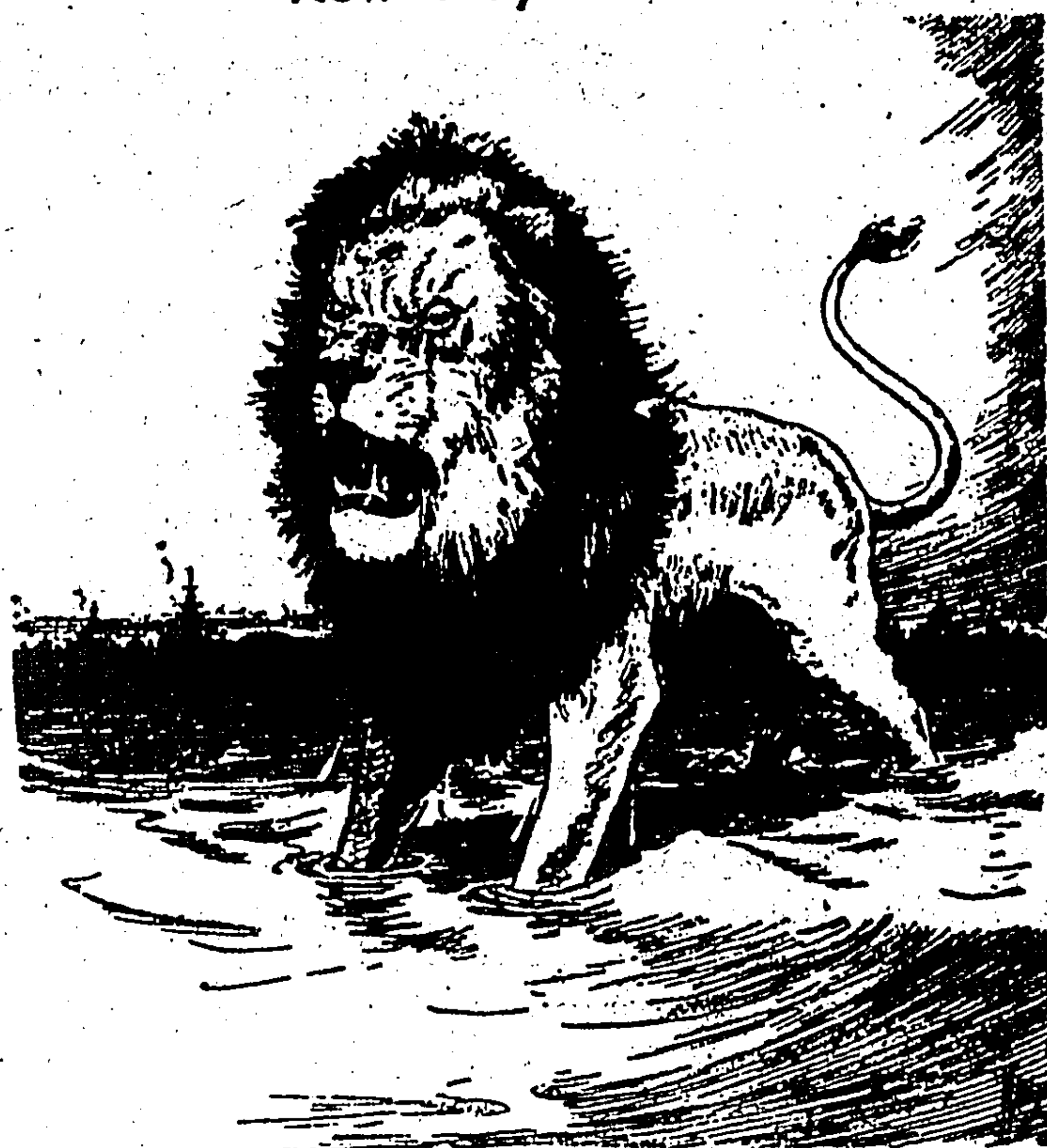
Norwegian Feat

Several Nazi airmen walked into a Norwegian estaminet and, over their beer, talked loudly about their seaplane moored in a fjord. Two Norwegian airmen at a table nearby slipped out of the estaminet, rowed to the seaplane, calmly obliterated the Swastikas on the fuselage and painted Norwegian colours in their place. They then started up the engines, made a perfect take-off and, after a successful crossing, landed at a British port, the Norwegian colours acting as their passport.

Goebbels's Magazine

A new, well-produced, bi-weekly magazine called Signal has appeared on European bookstalls. It had a ready sale because of its attractive make-up, somewhat resembling the American magazine Life, and its brightly coloured pages.

Signal is Goebbels's latest propaganda paper and is being sold all over the Continent. It is published simultaneously in three languages, and contains articles and pictures "boosting" the Nazi war effort and decrying the Allies.



New York Times

Ban On Strasser's Book

The book "Hitler et Moi," by Otto Strasser, leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front" organisation of refugees from Germany, has been banned in Hungary.

Strasser alleged in his book that Hitler murdered his great-niece.

They Got The Bird!

Bukarest has spy fever — but the city is laughing at one "agent."

This innocent visitor, tired of being watched, ordered a crate of pigeons and then took them out into the country.

He tied pieces of paper to each pigeon and then let them loose. The birds were duly trapped, but the watchers found that all the "messages" were blanks.

Big Gun From

Graf Spee

Salvage workers have succeeded in removing one of the big guns from the forward turret of the scuttled pocket-battleship Graf Spee.

The gun has been taken under the closest guard to the workshops of the company which bought the wreck.

U.S. Bemoan Lack

Of News

A complaint that there was little official British news was made in the opening of the Columbia broadcasting system's news bulletin for America.

The greater part of incoming news was of German origin, said the announcer.

Pilot Survivor Named

The name of a British airman who, it was stated, escaped by parachute when his plane was shot down over Norway, was given by the official German wireless as Pilot-Officer Wardaw, born in October, 1918.

The other occupant of the plane was killed, the announcer stated. — Reuter.

Women In Cart

Machine-Gunned

German barbarism at its worst is revealed in a "Black Book" dealing with the Nazi invasion and issued by the Polish Government in Paris.

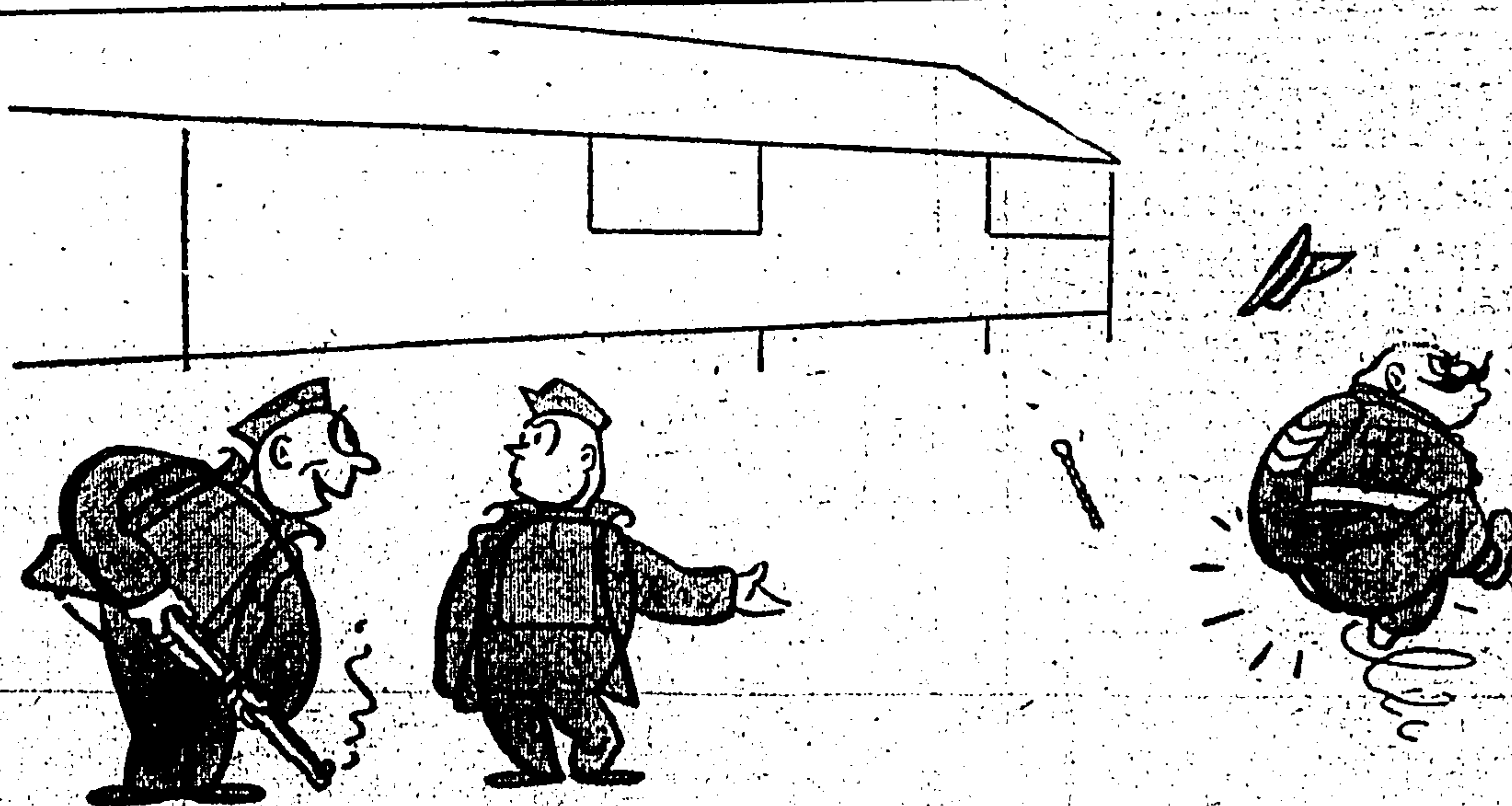
Women were machine-gunned — some of them by a German tank — while even shepherd boys were killed at their work, the publication states.

The women were attempting to leave the war zone in a farm cart when the tank turned its guns on them, killing them and the driver. One of the women was the American wife of Count Michalowski.

Mr. Cochran

And Nudity

Mr. C. B. Cochran, the producer, speaking in London, said that there had been "wild, unconsidered correspondence" and "indiscriminate, exaggerated remarks from the pulpit" suggesting that the theatre was indulging in an orgy of nudity. He was addressing the annual dinner of the Gallery First-Nighters' Club. "Theatrical evangelists" round the conference table, he said, had practically asked for sanitary inspectors and inspectors of virtue to watch productions. The critics could better elevate the theatre by more careful selection of plays and finer standards of production and acting.



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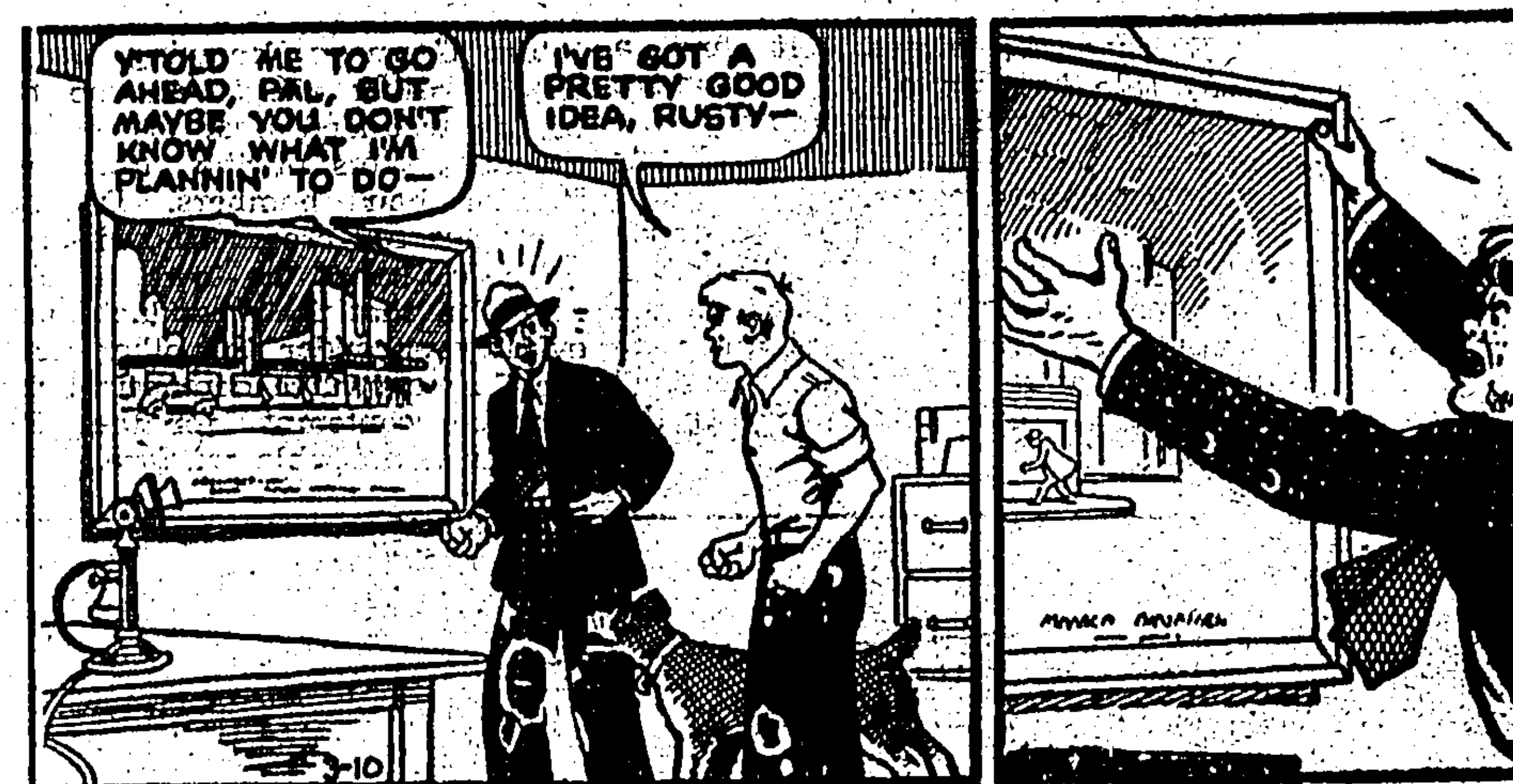
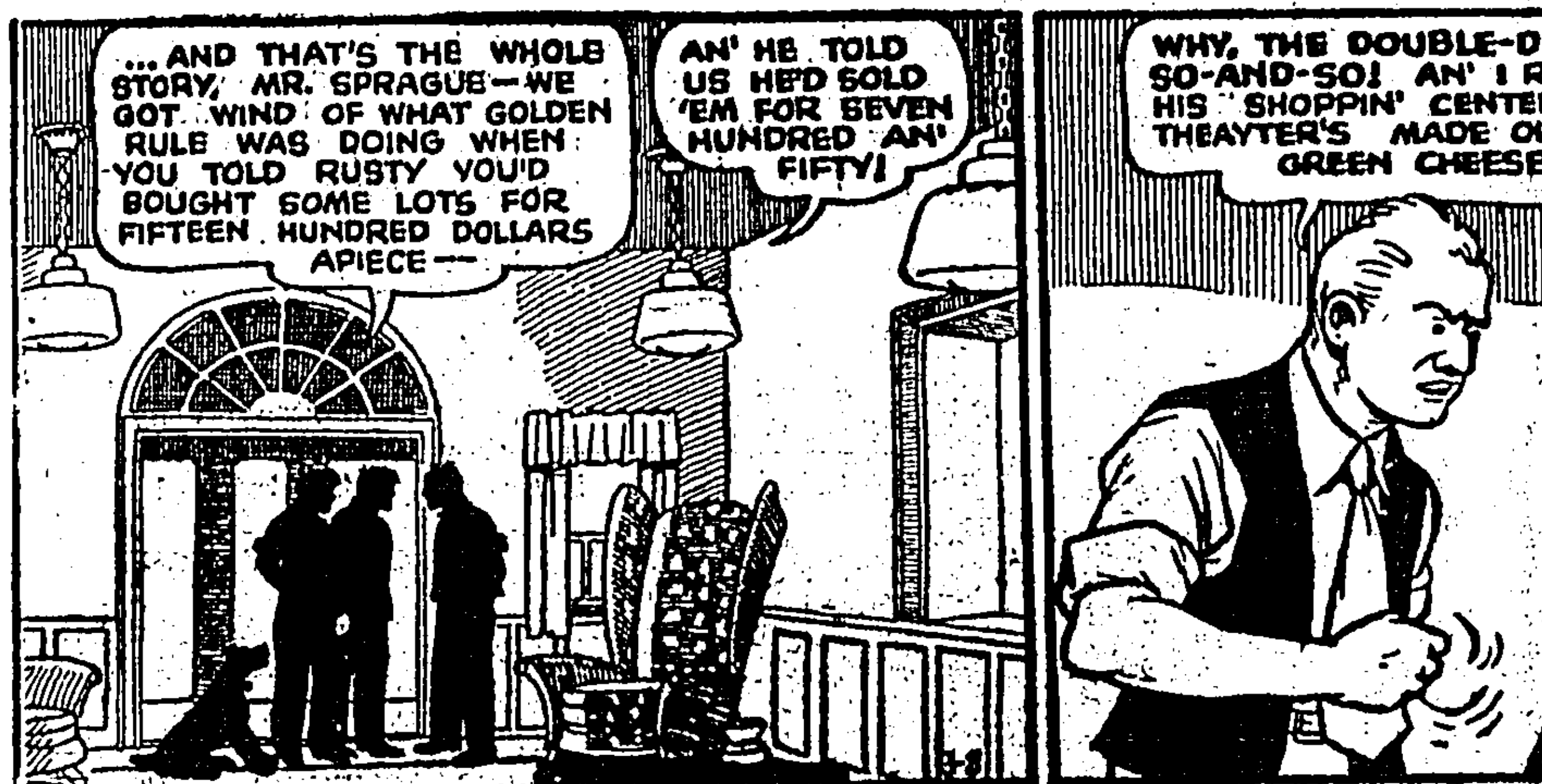
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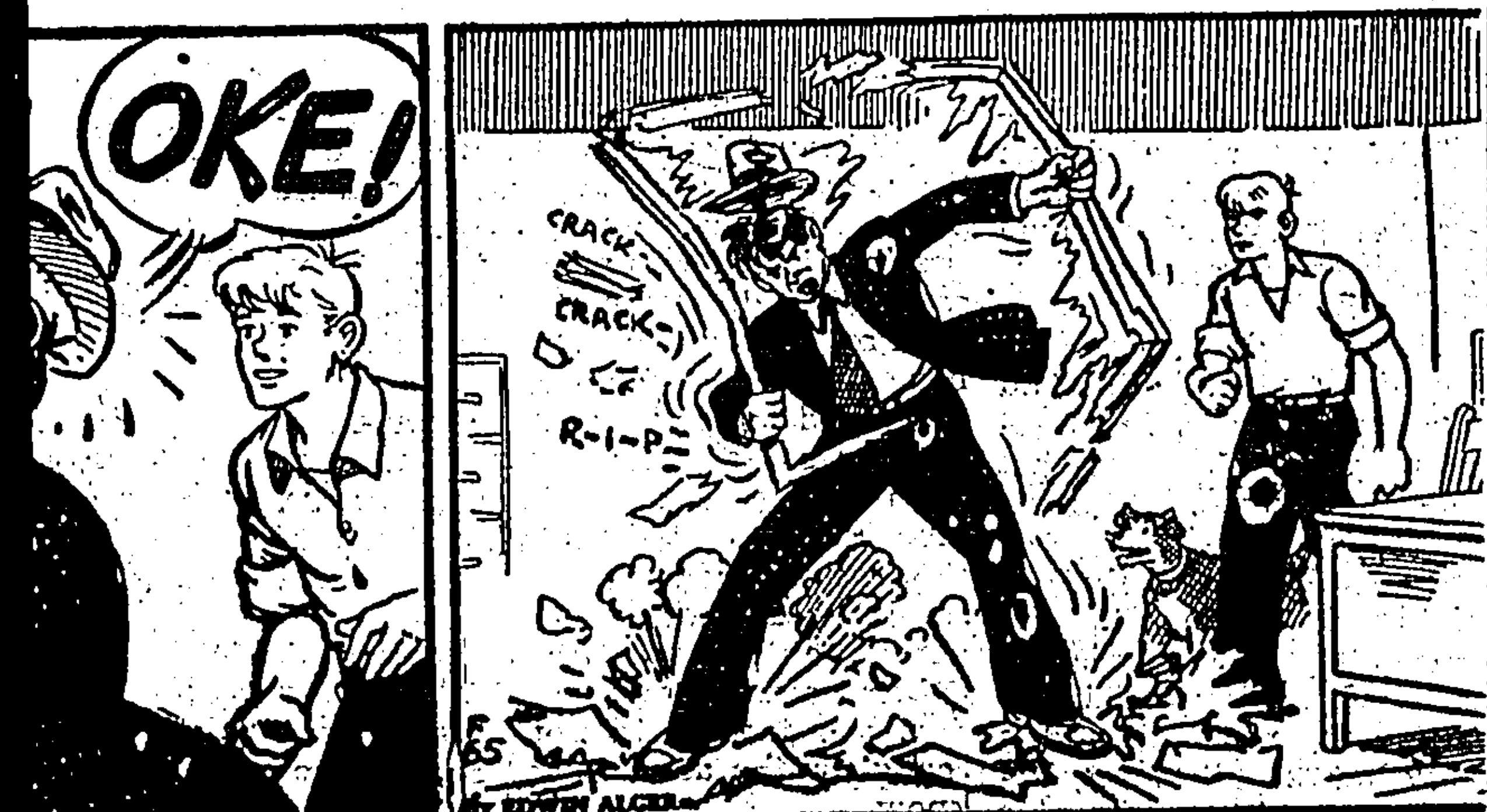
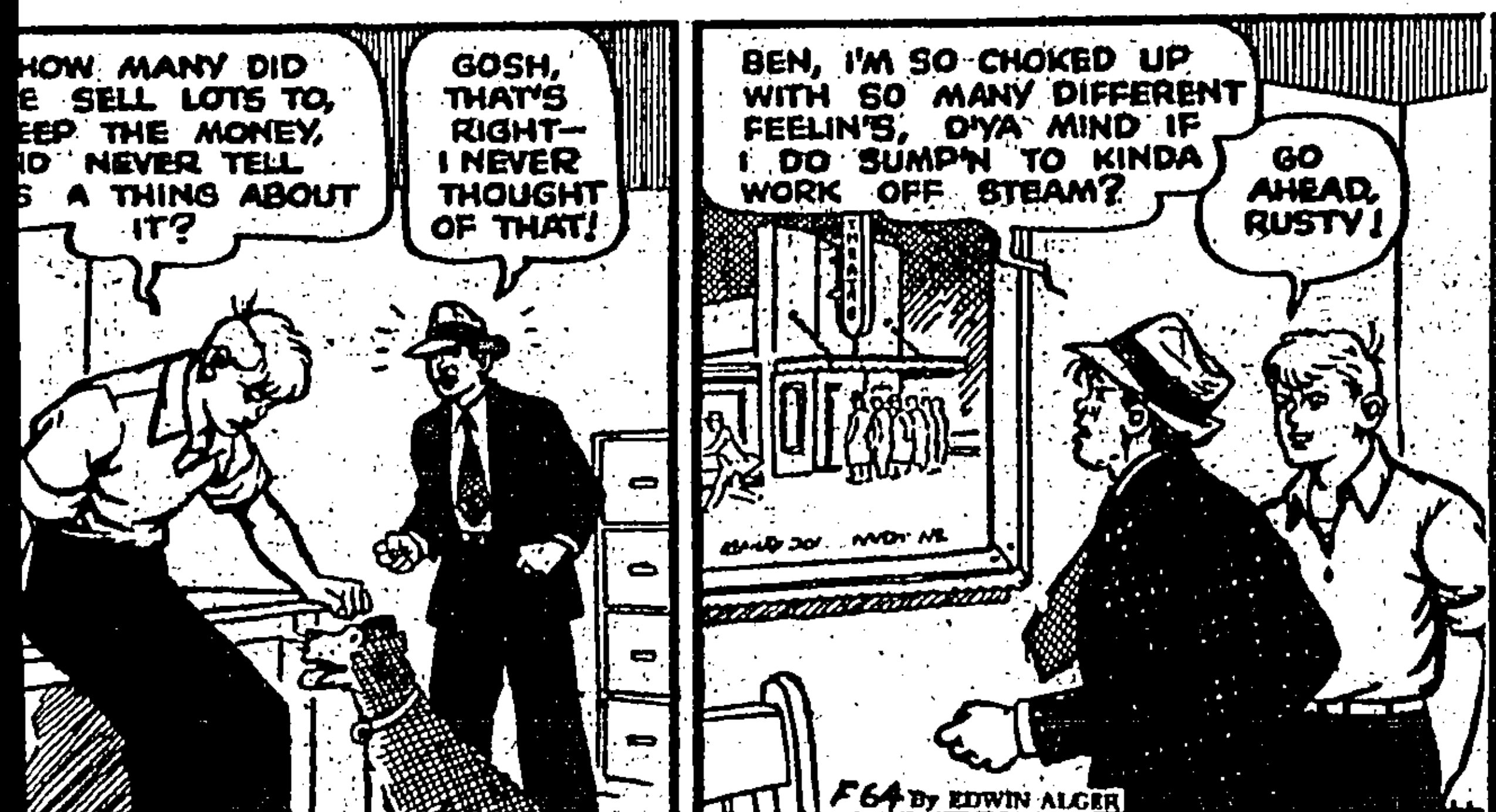
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SHORT STORY

EVE AND THE SERPENT

By C. Lestock Reid

Raffles Hotel, Singapore, is one of the best known hotels in the world. Sooner or later every wanderer in the East passes through its slightly garish portals. Sooner or later even the stay-at-home hears its name as he hears the name of the Waldorf-Astoria or the Mount Nelson or the Taj Mahal, brooding over the shining waters of Bombay harbour, or half a dozen other hostelrys whose doors he is never likely to darken—hears and perhaps sighs a little, thinking that, somehow, he has missed romance. As in a sense he has; to the imaginative merely to sit in the lounge of Raffles hotel induces a certain sense of romance.

But the couple who occupied a table discreetly tucked away in a corner, during one of those tea-dances which are justly famous throughout the East, were not conscious of it, perhaps because they were wrestling with a private romance of their own; which, at the moment, seemed to be presenting certain difficulties.

An unbiased observer with a penchant for studying dispassionately the follies and frailties of his fellow creatures would have been interested in the pair. She, small, dainty, obviously

unsophisticated, yet, equally obviously bearing that indefinable, unmistakable hall-mark, "Married Woman," rather flattered, rather frightened; he lithe and good-looking in that queer fashion which all women like and all men detest, very sure of himself, very ardent, very experienced, faintly reminiscent of a beast of prey. The unbiased observer might have remarked, "Professional Amorist," and he would not have been far wrong; but even the unbiased observer for all his cynical experience might have been surprised to learn that they had only known each other a week; or on the other hand, remembering that Singapore is a great forcing-house of the less respectable emotions, he might not.

In any case so it was. Leslie Meade was a quick worker and Eve Annersley—well, she was a woman in the East where the atmosphere and surroundings tend to foster a taste for quick workers. But even she felt he was going just a shade too fast. She traced the pattern of the tablecloth with one nervous finger.

"But, Leslie, I've got to go. After all, he is my husband."

"That doesn't give him the right to

drag you about all over the Peninsula. Look here, Eve, he's only going to be away ten days. A fortnight at the most. There's no earthly reason why you shouldn't stay in comfort here in Singapore instead of trailing to Bangkok."

"Which I've seen anyhow." Eve Annersley put in: for all her innocence she had in a marked degree the feminine propensity for playing with fire.

"Exactly." The hungry tiger expression became a little more marked. "So you certainly don't want to see it again. It's pretty shoddy at the best. And as for this rotten little one-horse place where you're going to break the journey—what's its name?"

"Ban Patom. But we'll only be two nights there."

"Yes, with no proper hotel, no one to talk to, nothing earthly to do—it's not fair on you, Eve."

"But he couldn't leave me here. Stay in the hotel all alone," and was conscious of an uncomfortable idea that she was being suburban.

Meade evidently thought so too. "My dear! Of course he could. There're lots of grass-widows about. Nobody thinks anything of it. There's dancing here . . . he waved a hand round the crowded lounge—"Bathing out at the Swimming Club . . . A sudden picture of her in her scanty bathing dress, poised like a slim blue goddess against the deeper blue of the sea, made him catch his breath . . . Oh, my dear, you can't go."

"But he's my husband," she reminded him, gently and no doubt unconsciously poking the fire. Her efforts met with a success not entirely unexpected but somewhat frightening withal.

"Damn it all, darling," in a low-pitched voice, yet sounding so loud to her guilty conscience that she looked apprehensively at the neighbouring tables, "Don't go on rubbing that in. It's hell. Just plain hell. Hell to know you belong to him, that he can do what he likes with you, that you've got to—"

He broke off, recklessly laid a hand on hers. "Eve, darling, can't you see? I love you, want you."

But that was going much too fast. Hastily she withdrew her hand physically, herself mentally, from the blaze. She herself had fanned.

"Leslie, don't. You mustn't. You're not to talk like that. You're—you're spoiling things."

"What things? Oh, don't bother to do the dutiful wife stunt. You know you don't really care for that great lumping brute. You know you do—care for me." She essayed a feeble gesture of protest. "Yes, you do, darling. Listen, you've got to make some excuse, say you've got fever, anything, and get out of going."

"Oh, I . . . couldn't."

"Yes, you could. And you will. And we'll have the most marvellous fortnight that ever was. Give me that fortnight, beloved, beloved. I'd willingly die for it."

And the curious thing was that, at the moment, he did mean it. He always did mean his own passionate protestations; whoever they might be addressed to—for the moment; and it was that faculty beyond all others, beyond his good looks, his undeniable eloquence, his perfect dancing, that was responsible for most of his success with women. They were tricked by his specious sincerity, because it really was sincere—for the moment.

Eve Annersley, no exception to the rule, was swept off her feet, knew a timorous delight in so being, yet, woman-like, still held back.

"Leslie, don't. You mustn't tempt me."

"Tempt you, sweetheart?" With his unfailing, instinctive flair for the right moment he swung round to flippancy. "Eve and the serpent, Singapore version. But I'm no serpent, darling. Just an ordinary man . . . back to seriousness again—who loves you with all his heart and soul and body, who would live for you, die for—Oh, hell."

The unfortunate bathos was caused by the fact that he had just caught sight of Annersley entering the lounge,

rather than by the stress of his own feelings. But he was above all an opportunist.

"Here he is, darling. Come on, let's dance. It will give us a few more minutes alone together."

Eve hesitated. Part of her longed for his arms around her, his body pressed against hers in the intimacy of the dance, part of her shrank instinctively from what she herself desired. So she hesitated an instant, and in that instant Annersley spotted them, lounged over to their table, a big, intensely masculine person, looking bigger than usual in polo boots and breeches. He greeted them casually.

"Lo, m'dear. Enjoyin' yourself? Evenin', Meade. What about a drink?"

Leslie Meade looked at him with that curious air of deprecating insolence which he adopted towards other men, specially if they were large and virile.

"Thanks, no. I was just trying to persuade Mrs. Annersley to dance."

"Oh, no hurry. Here, boy. Whisky. Lekas lekas. You'll join your husband anyhow, m'dear. Gosh, I want it too. Hell of a match, only won in the sixth chukka. You don't play polo, Meade?"

"Can't afford to." Which, incidentally, was untrue.

Annersley shrugged his shoulders, buried himself in his drink.

Conversation languished into mere empty politenesses till Meade again suggested that they should dance; and got a refusal, although this time he was backed by Annersley.

"Run along, m'dear. You won't get another chance for a fortnight."

Eve shot a quick glance at the other man: here surely was his chance to put in some cogent argument against this, from her point of view, stupid trip into Siam. But he did not, from motives possibly of tact, possibly of trepidation. She at any rate took it for the former; being in that interesting stage when, although not actually in love with Leslie—or in reality anywhere near it—she was eager to impute the best possible motives to everything he did or left undone. But, even so, she was conscious of a faint feeling of disappointment when he merely said—

"You're going up to Siam, aren't you? Catching to-morrow's mail, I suppose."

"That's right. Business in Bangkok. And Ban Patom. Nice little change for Eve here. Isn't it, m'dear?"

Here was her chance and Leslie's turn to look hopefully at her. But she too did not take it: she wanted time to think over Leslie's suggestion and its bewildering, intoxicating, frightening possibilities. It was not just a question of a gay, idle fortnight in Singapore with an amiable and unexacting cavalier. It meant—she knew enough of the world to realise that he would not long be content with a few dances or even kisses. He would want more, much more, and she did not know if she was ready to give more. In fact she knew she could not give more and yet go on living with her husband. Other women did, quite lightly, every day: she just could not. But was she ready for the alternative? She did not know.

Beneath a barrage of light conversation she weighed and compared the two men: Eric, her husband of five years' standing, unobtrusive, monosyllabic: who showed about as much thoughtfulness as a bull-elephant; who would never dream of giving up any fraction of his work or his games for her, at least to devote most of his time, a fatal mistake in dealing with a woman; who was yet solid and dependable in any sort of crisis, provided he himself considered it a crisis. Leslie, ardent and eloquent, who anticipated her lightest wish; who hung, or appeared to hang, on her lightest word; who was prepared, if not quite to die for her: at least to devote most of his time to her: who could thrill her with a word or a touch; who yet, as some not to be silenced instinct in her proclaimed, was unstable as water—which, para-

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doxically enough, endeared him the more, rousing in her that mother instinct never wholly absent in a woman. It was all very difficult, wanted a lot of thinking out; but in privacy, not amid all this chatter.

She had just made up her mind to dance after all to distract her thoughts, when Meade got up, made some excuse about dining early and left; but the look in his eyes, the pressure of his hand, said as clearly as the spoken word, "You've got to think of an excuse, you've got to stay behind."

"Don't think much of that lad," Annersley said indifferently.

Eve was up in arms at once. "Why not? He's very nice."

"Is he?" with the quizzical expression that always irritated her. "Bit of a lounge lizard, I should say. Always poodle-fakin' around, dancin' and so on. Why doesn't he play games?"

"Don't be absurd, Eric. You can't judge a man by his games."

"There are worse methods." He rose to his feet. "Anyhow, see he doesn't play any of his games with you, m'dear." And went off to change, leaving her wondering as to whether he had really meant anything by that last remark.

Perhaps he had: at any rate, that night, as they were going to bed, she hinted tentatively that she should stay behind; and was met by a cheerful but uncompromising refusal. For this she had half hoped; but, having got it, she at once discovered that what she really wanted, above all things and at any cost, was to stay in Singapore. She tried again with more determination. And even less result. Annersley refused even to discuss it, calmly went to sleep.

During the next 24 hours 'almost' became 'quite'. Annersley was never at his best catching a train, and Eve had always disliked the hot, tedious journeys on Eastern railways. She slept badly through the rattle of the express and was more annoyed still when she discovered that they were to stop at Ban Patom on the way up to Bangkok, instead of on the way down. This meant turning out of a carriage which, having seemed the acme of discomfort all night, appeared at 5 a.m. to be the height of luxury, and proceeding in an amazingly ramshackle car to a wooden shack more rest-house than hotel. Eve tried to have a bath in two inches of doubtful water and a tin tub, tried to swallow some breakfast; and was then left, while Annersley went off on business, with nothing to do but brood. She might have read some of the many magazines which Leslie, characteristically, had provided for the journey; she might have amused herself with the visitors' book, an entertaining record of inextricable visits by representatives of half the nations on earth; but she was too bored. She might have gone for a walk but the Chinese hotel-keeper told her that Ban Patom was notorious for snakes, and Eve, unlike her remote namesake, was terrified of snakes. So she just sat in the stuffy sparsely-furnished room and brooded to some purpose, becoming more and more bored and unhappy as the long, hot morning dragged on; till eventually she decided, recklessly mixing metaphors in her misery, that she would throw her hat over the Rubicon as soon as she returned to Singapore, give Leslie anything he asked for, run away with him (although an irritating little voice inside her kept emphasising that he would not ask that), never see Eric again. There were limits to being neglected.

Just as she reached this momentous decision her husband returned.

"Come on, m'dear. Cars' waitin'. You've got to come with me to see Phra-Nangklau."

"What on earth for?" in an ominously quiet voice.

"Well . . . eh . . . You see, m'dear, I mentioned you were with me and he asked me to bring you round for a cocktail before lunch. Quite civilised. Eton and Oxford."

Phra Nangklau received them with sleek urbanity, and Eve's innate social

instinct compelled her, entirely against her will, to make herself pleasant. But inwardly she grew more and more angry, more and more hostile to her husband. And now she had some cause for irritation. For all his suave politeness the Siamese was a master of the unpleasant art of "undressing a woman with his eyes," a process of which Eve disliked being the victim—at least with an Oriental. Eric's fault again! This accusation too was unfair. Rather than expose his wife to any insult, however imaginary, Annersley would have let the concession rip and told his Oriental host to go to hell. But, having got his way, he had quite forgotten his temper, was blissfully unaware of what was going on, considered the interview highly satisfactory, until after effusive farewells from Nangklau they got outside and his conciliatory, "Thanks awfully, m'dear. You helped a lot," was met with, "Oh, you make me sick. And your damned car has gone."

Annersley, halted as abruptly as if she had hit him in the face, looked at her, looked for the missing car. Then he said curtly, "He's probably pulled into the shade somewhere, stay here."

I'll get him," he stamped angrily down the path.

The veranda was pleasantly cool, and Eve might have obeyed, if it had not occurred to her that this would lay her open to renewed attentions on the part of the Siamese.

So she followed her husband, was some five yards behind as he approached the open gate in the garden fence, walking with the fixed unseeing stare of a bewildered and angry man.

But Eve saw. Saw the evil pale brown head rise out of the foliage along the fence, saw the long, sinuous body coiled like a spring, saw and recognised the deadliest of Siamese snakes, the Dabola. And it was going to strike.

A medley of confused thoughts hurtled through her brain, unendurably accelerated by the crisis. She must scream to warn him. No, he would turn, turn nearer those fatal fangs. He might be out of range. Silence would save him. Did she want to save him? "The serpent tempted me." She hated him. She would be free. She would. . . . But anyhow. . . . oh God! she must scream.

She screamed.

Annersley, apparently deaf, went on, reached the gate. The viper struck with the speed of a cracking whip lash, straight at his carelessly swinging bare arm. And she used to love his arms. Struck and recoiled. Had it reached him? Had it? Had it? It must have. A great and terrible remorse swept over her. She screamed again, went on screaming.

Annersley, through the gate now, swung round in a flash. In almost one movement he struck a blow with his stick which brought the snake down writhing and broken to the ground, leapt back through the gate and caught her in his arms.

"Eve, darling, darling, it's alright." She clung to him, sobbing out broken incoherencies. "There, there, sweetheart. You were quite right not to sing out sooner. Brave little darling."

He kissed her as he had not kissed her for many years, and Leslie, Singapore, anger, fear and fancied slights vanished as though they had never been.

It seemed unnecessary to explain that she had screamed before the viper struck; only, her dry throat had refused to emit the slightest sound. But she was very, very glad of it; and she snubbed Leslie Meade unmercifully when they got back to Singapore. Which was perhaps unfair.

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FACTS ABOUT THE DUNKIRK EPIC

London, To-day.

FACTS AND FIGURES in connection with the embarkation of nearly 350,000 men under the most violent aerial bombardment which the Germans could bring to bear are still being released. It can now be stated that the larger naval vessels engaged in the evacuation made about 540 round journeys. The number of journeys in the course of which direct bombs hits were obtained was less than five per cent. of the total number of round journeys.

ORDER TO RESTRICT SUPPLIES

London, To-day.

Government has decided to restrict the supply of a long list of articles, many of which are in common use.

Food is not yet included in the restriction, but the order applies to stockings, costumes, underwear, furs, corsets, mattresses, cushions, carpets, furniture, cutlery and cosmetics.

The decision also embraces umbrellas, sporting equipment, jewellery, fountain pens, culinary pots and pans, glassware, refrigerators, electric irons and many other things, most of which can be given up without hardship.

It is estimated that on the last year's basis of the goods now ordered to be controlled, they represent a total value of £250,000,000.

Exports Authorised

Goods for the export trade will not be interfered with and raw materials will be made available to enable exports to be maintained.

The order bringing wool, rayon, cotton, linen goods etc. under control, was issued in April and affected goods valued at £100,000,000. This control will be made and exercised through the manufacturers and wholesalers, both of whom are required to register before June 20.—Reuter.

Another Order

Under another Order made yesterday, the supply of certain types of machinery, otherwise than for government departments or export is prohibited except under licence.

The labour released by the operation of this order will be of the type urgently needed for munition production while there will also result an important economy of steel and other metals.

Finally, the system of import res-

Great majority of these were obtained when the vessels hit were stationary either alongside piers or off the beaches taking on men.

In the case of smaller auxiliary craft the proportion of journeys on which hits were obtained was even less favourable to the attack.

The circumstances of this embarkation provided almost ideal conditions for aerial bombardment of ships, and as the Prime Minister pointed out on Tuesday, the enemy had the best motive to strain every nerve, and it may safely be assumed he did so, to destroy transports taking off large contingents of troops he had hoped to capture.

Considering these facts and the enemy's admitted numerical superiority in the air, experience of these few historic days gives little support to the favourite Nazi thesis that air power has rendered sea power impotent and unavailing.—British Wireless.

WAR MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" files).

June 7, 1915.

"At last I believe things are going all right. I feel the machine is beginning to move," says Mr. Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions.

The battle around Arras continues favourably to the French. German counter-attacks north of the Aisne have been repulsed.

In the Rawvar region, the Germans have made heavy gas attacks against the Russians; "hardly an animal or fowl was left alive and numbers of women and children were killed." The situation was saved when a reserve regiment, with muffled faces, surprised and repulsed the casually, gaily advancing Germans.

triction is to be made comprehensive. Under a new order, all goods except certain live animals will be brought within the import licensing system.—British Wireless.

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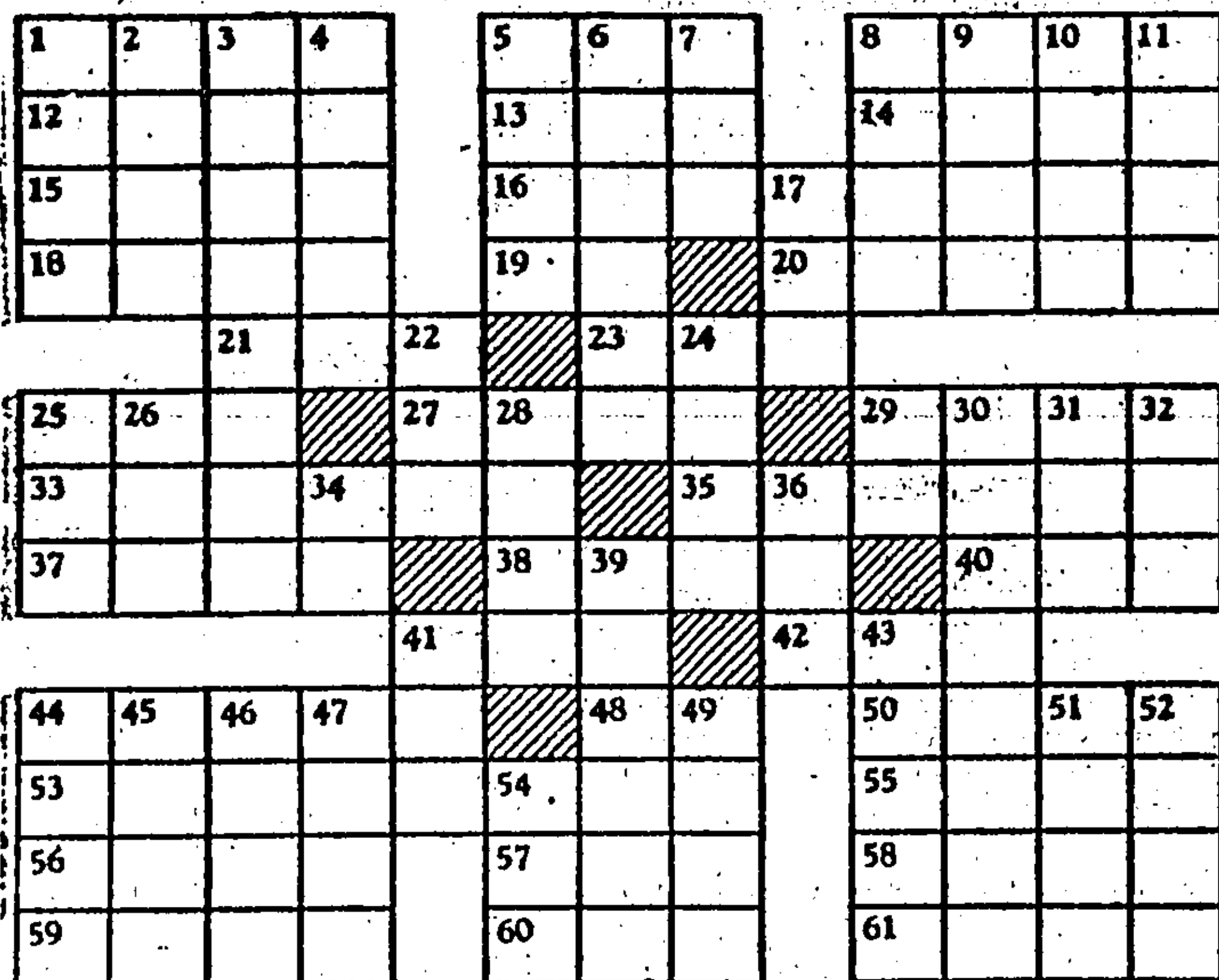
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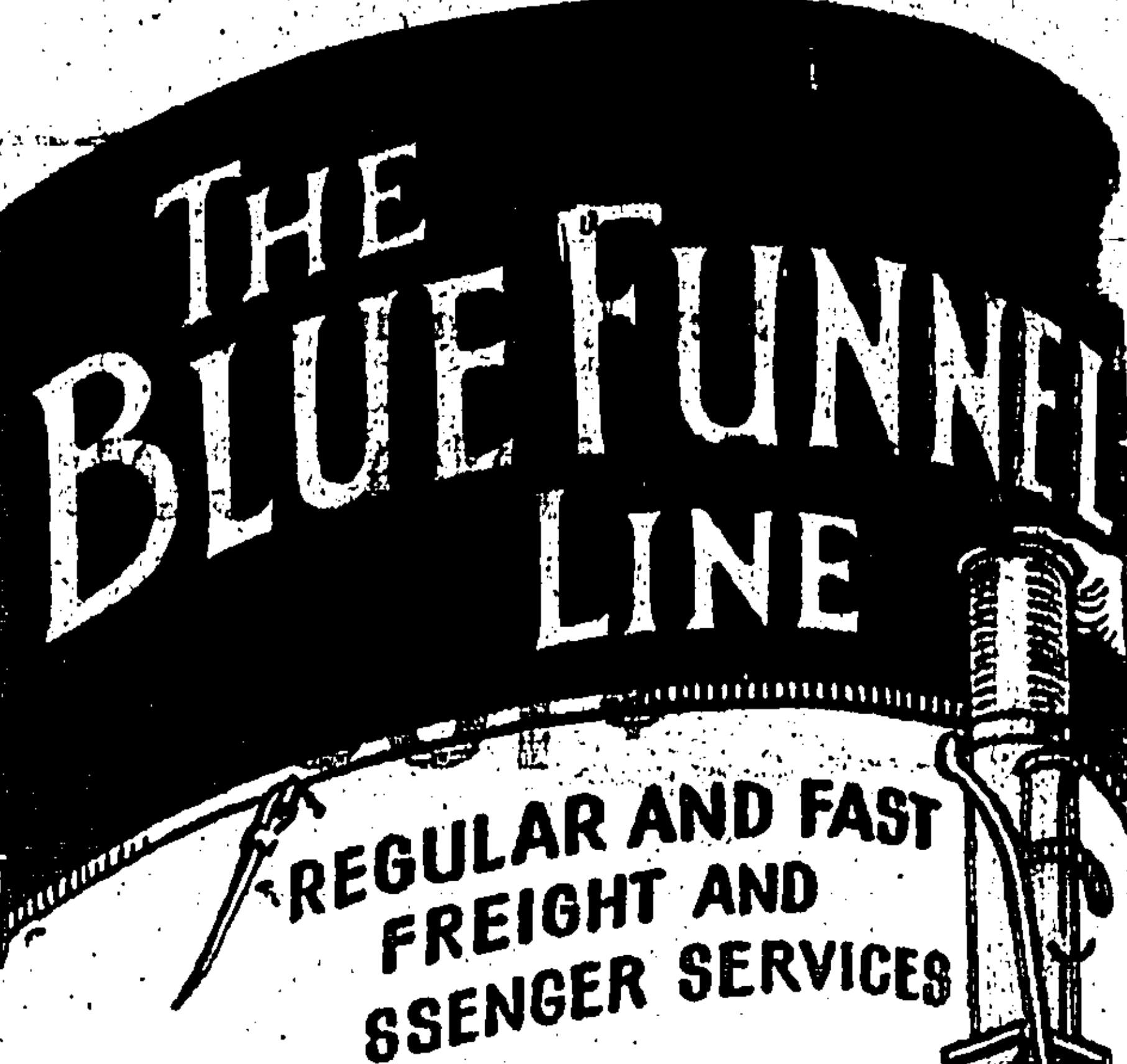
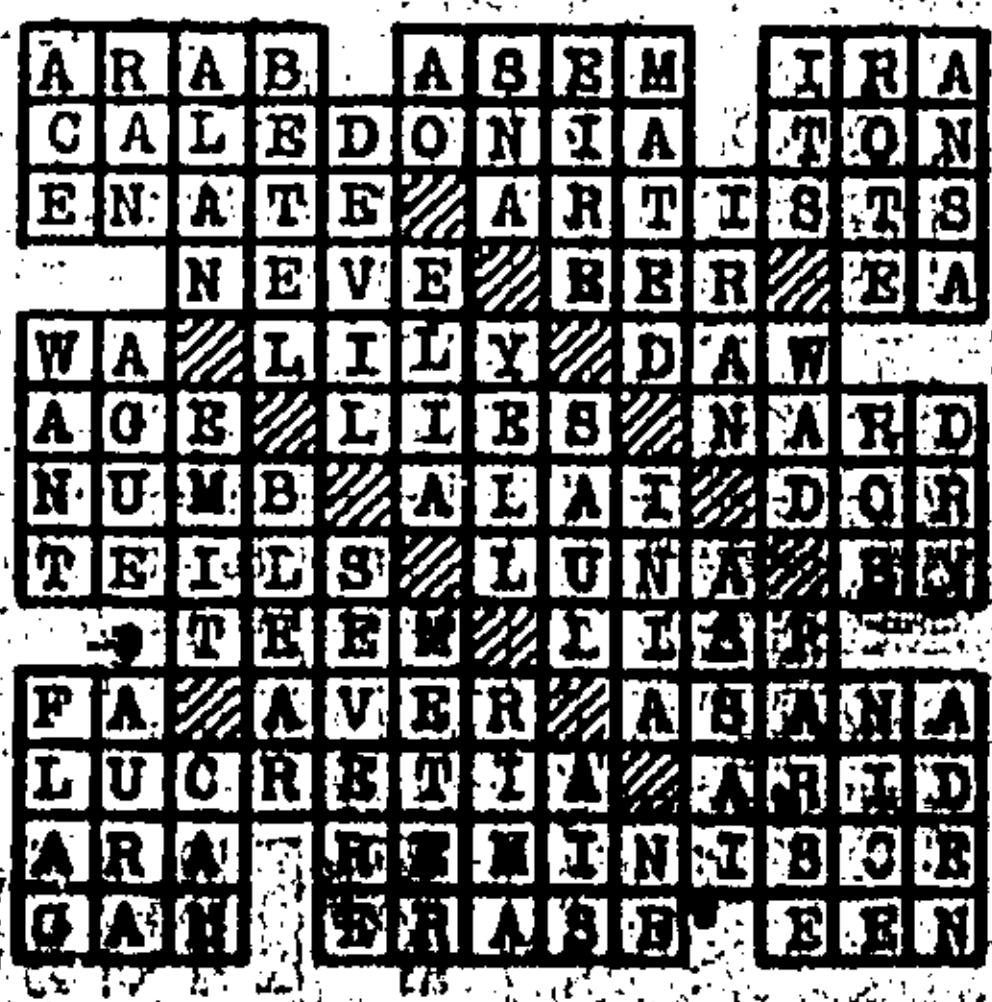
- 1 Diplomacy
- 5 Flat container
- 8 Soaks
- 12 Plant of lily family
- 13 Artificial language
- 14 Solo
- 15 Irish song
- 16 Models of perfection
- 18 Denomination
- 19 Printer's measure
- 20 Cozy homes
- 21 Worm
- 23 Man's name
- 25 Swiss river
- 27 To inscribe
- 29 On the ocean
- 33 To obstruct
- 35 Russian stockades
- 37 Too
- 38 Host
- 40 Moslem name
- 41 Rice paste
- 42 Sped
- 44 Proclamation
- 48 Parent

- 50 To flout
- 53 Refutation
- 55 Wading bird
- 56 Mohammedan noble
- 57 To lubricate
- 58 Is mistaken
- 59 To careen
- 60 Essay
- 61 Norse literature

VERTICAL

- 1 Sailors
- 2 Wings
- 3 Interests
- 4 Shelters
- 5 Wind
- 6 Instrument
- 6 Resembling the first man
- 7 Conjunction
- 8 Fury
- 9 God of love
- 10 To tinge
- 11 Colloquial: impertinence
- 17 Girl's name
- 22 To understand
- 24 Exclamation
- 25 Sunken fence
- 26 To be sick
- 28 Mine car
- 29 Molten lava
- 30 European
- 31 Snake-like fish
- 32 Edible mollusk
- 34 To accomplish
- 36 Norse war-god
- 39 To mend
- 41 Siamese coin
- 43 To assent
- 44 Pertaining to a period of time
- 45 Prefix: half
- 46 Sacred bird
- 47 Concise
- 49 Supporter
- 51 Flying creature
- 52 Girl's name
- 54 Youngster

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ANGLO-RUMANIAN AGREEMENT

London, To-day.

Discussions have been proceeding for some time in London with a Rumanian delegation headed by M. Iordan, Secretary General of the Rumanian Ministry of Finance, with a view to the establishment for Anglo-Rumanian payments which will meet present requirements of trade between the two countries.

These discussions have now been concluded and an agreement which satisfactorily covers all points was signed yesterday afternoon by Lord Halifax, on behalf of Britain, and by the Rumanian Minister, M. Tillea, and M. Iordan on behalf of the Royal Rumanian Government. The Rumanian delegation is re-

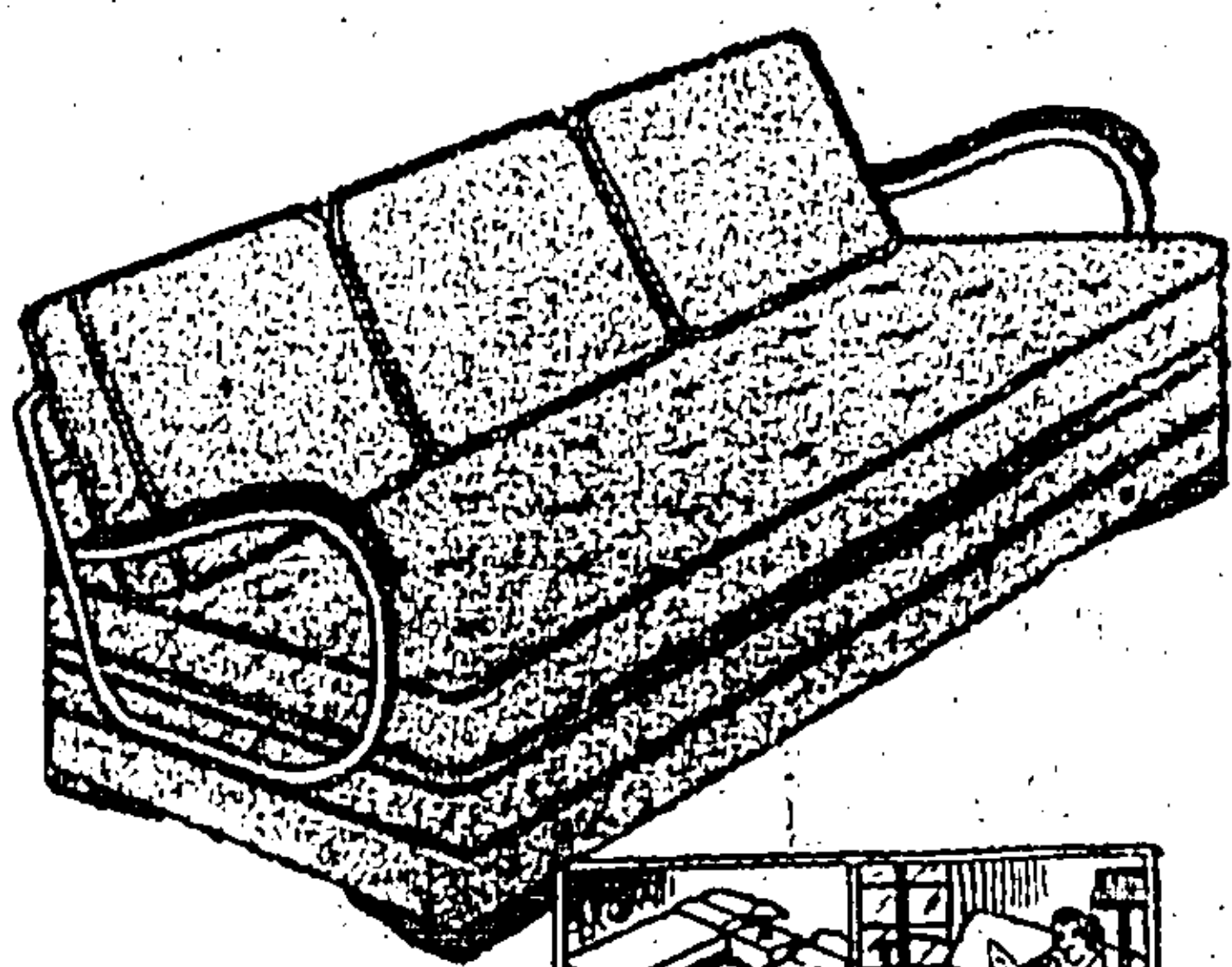
BELGIUM'S LEGAL GOVERNMENT

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, replying to a Commons question, said "The British Government recognises the Belgian Government at present established in France as the only legal government of Belgium and they are, therefore, entitled to exercise in the name of Belgium all due authority. "I need hardly add that it is the unswerving aim of the British Government and of the French Government to secure for Belgium the effective restoration of her freedom and independence."—British Wireless.

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**ADMIRALTY ACTION
AGAINST HOTEL**

FURTHER EVIDENCE WAS HEARD at the Supreme Court this morning in the case in which the Admiralty is claiming £1,208.4.7d. from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., for damages arising out of a motor accident on July 23, 1938, on the Fanling Road.

The case is being heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor. The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Co., is representing the Admiralty while Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Deacons, is for the Hotel.

Mr. T. R. Parsons, manager of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, in evidence, said he had been in the motor car business since 1921. He signed the contract with Commander Baines. His firm had two services, the livery service and the private car hire service. In the former service the company was responsible for the car, it was entirely in their possession and the driver was under their control except for orders from the hirer as to where he was to go.

The private car hire service included maintenance service. Cars were hired out with or without drivers.

Terms Of Hire

On June 2, Commander Baines hired the car with a driver. Such a car was hired out as a private car and the hirer had full control of the car. He could keep it where he liked and there was no limit to the mileage over which he could use the car. He could drive it himself or permit his friends to drive it if they had a licence.

Lo Ping, the driver, was paid by the company and did not require to report to anyone except Commander Baines and was at the hirer's service. Witness might not see the driver except when he called for his pay.

If a hirer were not satisfied with the driver, he could request another or engage a driver himself.

The hire included maintenance service, and witness had told Commander Baines that he had to send the car to the garage for repairs and adjustments. This was done on several occasions. Tyres were not refused if needed for a car.

He could not agree that a smooth tyre was a dangerous tyre. He would think nothing of sending out a car on livery service with such tyres.

Reliable Drivers

Cross-examined by Mr. Almada witness said that all drivers employed by the company were experienced and reliable. Their records were looked into before their employment and he had not found fault with any.

Lo Ping was not in regular employment but was engaged when required. In his opinion, the skid was not ne-

cessarily caused by the smooth tyre. The car had been used on Garden Road under worse conditions and under heavy braking and no skidding was reported. The tyre in question he would call serviceable.

In reply to Mr. Potter, witness said he thought the tyre was no more liable to skid than any other.

Bus Expert's Evidence

Mr. L. W. Tipple, chief engineer of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd. said that he had 19 years' experience in all motor car work. London buses ran on solid smooth tyres till 1923. A dangerous tyre was one liable to burst. He could not agree with previous witnesses that the tyre was dangerous. His company had 125 buses using over 600 tyres. A tyre was not changed until the inside was showing, and was used until then.

There were non-skid tyres but the treads prevented the spinning of the wheel during acceleration. He could drive with four smooth tyres with reasonable caution.

The case is proceeding.

**STOLE TO MAKE GIFT
TO GIRL FRIEND**

Apparently because he wished to give a ring to his girl friend but had no money, Chan Choi, 23, stole money and jewellery from a former tenant on May 30.

Yesterday he was arrested and this morning he was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth, when the girl was present to hear him admit the theft.

He had spent all the money and had obtained a new ring for the stolen ring at a goldsmith's shop for the girl.

FRIENDLY CHESS

A friendly chess match was played at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday between the Kowloon Chess Club and the Jewish Youth Association. Kowloon Chess Club won by 3½ points to 2½.

Kowloon Chess Club:—C. M. Sequeira 1, H. W. Randall 1, J. Grefalda 0, L. Karpovich 1, W. Lee ½, J. Walter 0. Total: 3½.
Jewish Youth Association:—B. S. Litvin 0, Adler 0, H. Samuel 1, B. Kaploon 0, Benjamin ½, T. Laufer 1. Total: 2½.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

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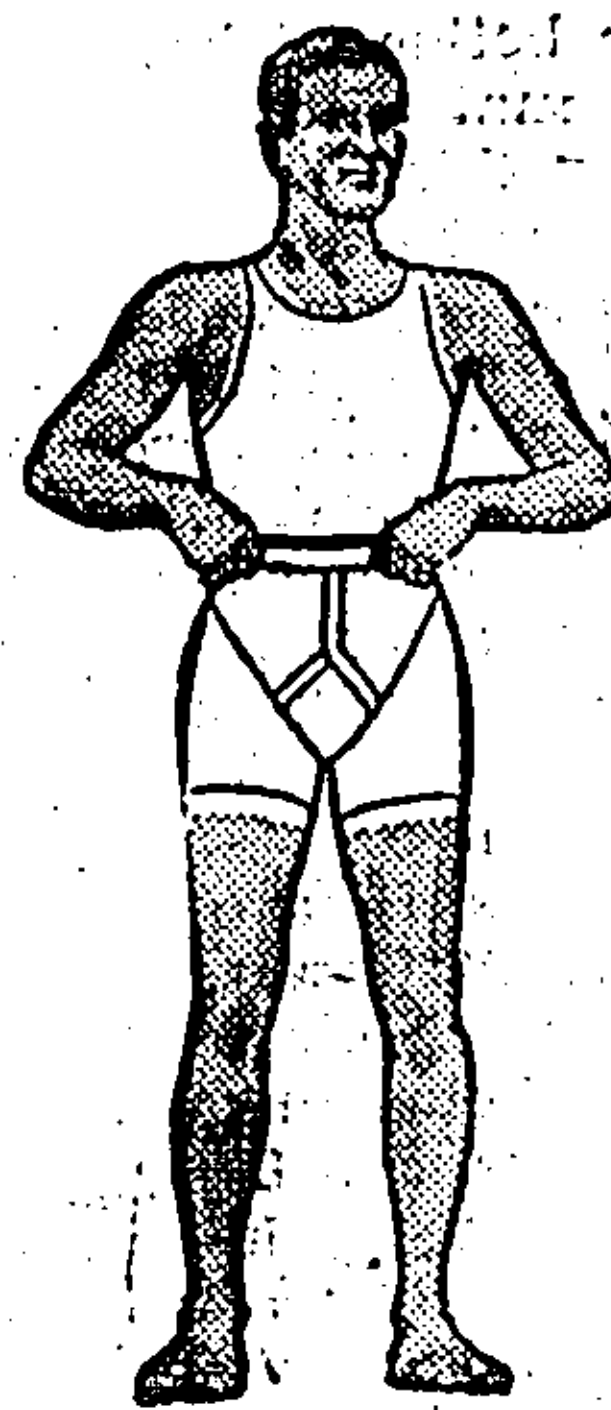


Mr. J. L. Halsey, Mr. R. Goldman and Miss Dorothy McCaw smile for our photographer at Repulse Bay.



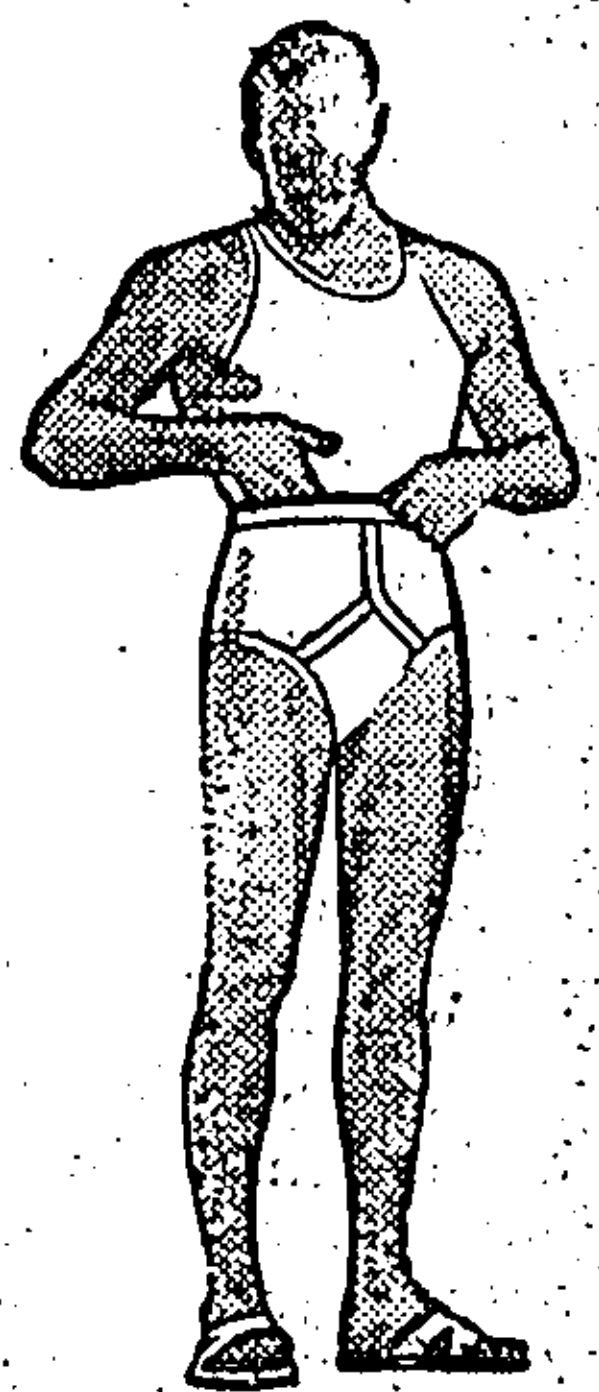
B. S. Wilson, W. G. Pryde (winner of the Peace Memorial Scholarship this year), G. Ainslie and G. Swan, snapped on the beach.

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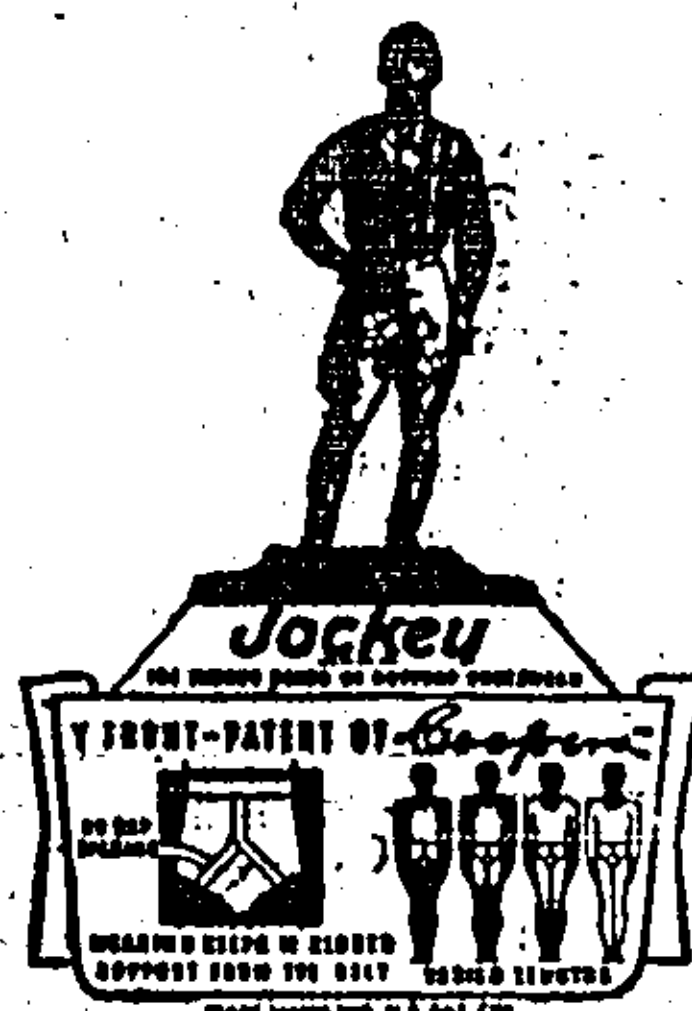
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I.R.C. SECURE FIRST POINTS OF SEASON

By "SKIP"

MOST remarkable feature of last Saturday's lawn bowls programme was the fact that there was a difference of only one shot in three of the matches.

Kowloon Football Club players have reason to consider themselves especially frowned on by Dame Fortune as both teams lost by that small margin.

In First Division, the Champions had an anxious time until a five at the 19th head—of which more anon—placed them in a safer position, and they eventually had 10 shots to spare.

The Indians, as I anticipated, secured their first points at the expense of Hong Kong Football Club, two rinks being comfortably up.

For the second week in succession Craigengower secured a triple win, albeit one of their wins was one of the single-shot efforts to which I have referred.

TENSE EXCITEMENT

As is usually the case when a challenging team get to within striking distance of the Champions, there was tense excitement at King's Park when it became distinctly possible that the Civil Servants might create the sensation of the season.

When Jones had beaten Dick Alves by a couple of shots, McGowan and Strange each had to play two heads. The latter was then nine shots up, whilst his team-mate was 10 to the bad, leaving a net margin of one shot in the visitors' favour.

On Strange's rink, against "Spuggy" Silva, the home team were counting one—Charlie Silva's wood, I believe—when the three were to play. The Civil Servants had the second wood inches behind this shot, and all the back stuff. Harry Strange, whether rightly or wrongly it is not within my province to say, thought that a big count was essential at this stage of the match and he told Rakusen to put the jack in the ditch, where he would have counted four, or push the shot wood through. This was presuming his opponents' inability to save of course, a not easy task on such a long head.

Arthur Rakusen, who had done practically all that was asked of him the whole afternoon, missed with his first one but his second wood took out the first shot and with it went his side's second wood, leaving Club de Recreio with four to which Johnny Ribeiro added another.

The visiting skip just missed with his first, whilst his attempt to save with his last wood failed.

One school of thought says it would have been better to have lost one shot, but that there is something to be said in favour of Strange's taking the risk is proved by the fact that Carlos Silva, who was running away with McGowan's rink, scored a three and a two in his last two heads. But, as I have said before, the skip's life is not an easy one: had Strange's nomination come off he would have been the hero of the match; although I do not wish it to be surmised that I think the Champions would necessarily have lost just because a count of four or five was made against them at this vital stage of the game.

As to the play itself as against the ethics of the game: the outstanding player of this rink was once again Charlie Silva, who, as second man, gave a superlative display.

Purvis, leading for Strange, was very good and had a slight edge on Leo Silva but Burling, apart from putting the jack into the ditch two or three times, and not always when it was desirable, had had an off day. Johnny Ribeiro was rather over-shadowed by Rakusen's brilliance, whilst F. X. Silva, though he lost his unbeaten re-

cord, was the better of the skips and saved a big count at the eighth head when he drew third or fourth shot.

In Jones' game against Dick Alves a good standard of bowls was seen, with the visiting skip shining as he did the previous Saturday. Leonard Xavier was excellent as lead, whilst Jack Deakin played one of his best games of the season as second man to Jones; Luz was very good with his pound-on shots and frequently gave Jones the opportunity to shine.

C. G. Silva, as I have mentioned, ran away with McGowan's rink and had 15 shots in hand at the finish, many of these being due to his own spectacular efforts. Joe Luz was beating Jimmy Gellatly, whilst Marques was again good and was beating Jack Hollidge, with the result that Laurie Collyer was left with a lot to do and he responded valiantly to prove the best of the visitors. "C.G.", however, was the star turn and some of his shots were superb.

EASY PASSAGE

Craigengower, as I surmised, had a fairly easy game against Police, Charlie Rosset's big win against Joe Carey being outstanding; especially towards the finish, his rink were out-playing the Police four. Willie Hong Sling quite held his own against such an experienced player as Ted Post, whilst the Craigengower skip's heavy ones were always dangerous to the opposition.

The Omar rink appeared to have the game against Fender well in hand at one time but the visitors staged a good recovery in the last five heads and got to within two of the enemy's tally.

Casual Dick Basa had a small lead on "Jock" Orem for four-fifths of a low-scoring game but the latter then took the lead and it needed a two by Dick's rink to cause the spoils to be shared.

The Indians collected their first points at the expense of Hong Kong Football Club: The match was played at Sookumpoo, although the contrary is indicated by the cards on which the visiting team's names have been wrongly placed on the left.

Dallah had the biggest win, his victim being Ken Robertson, who was making his debut as skip. A. K. Sufiad, I am told, played a magnificent game as lead for the home skip and although Jack Watson played reasonably well, the Indian was usually master of the situation.

Lionel Lammert was not at his best, whilst Robertson was always up against it and found the woods a trifle unkind to him.

A. K. Minu's had the better of Bebbington's new rink, who, apart from the skip, did not play too well. The Indians were always steady and if one did not come off the other did. Brooksbank, who has struck a bad patch this season, did not connect with his heavy shots and his saving ones were not too successful.

Walter Gill had the only win, and, as it was against Abbas, he had reason to be gratified. Barnes took the place of Jack Howell, who, I am sorry,

to hear, has been warned off bowls for some time, and, although he was not quite up to the standard of Khan, he showed distinct promise and did not let the rink down. Hodges was useful and George Duncan did his stuff when required which was not infrequently. "Abe" Abbas was in excellent form and saved his side many shots.

K.B.G.C. WIN EASILY

Kowloon Bowling Green Club always had a little in hand against Club de Recreio "B" and gradually increased a lead of about 10 in the first five ends to a couple of dozen at the finish.

Alf Hall had the biggest home win in spite of only being level at the half-way stage. From then onwards, Machado, who had quite held Tommy Armstrong, dropped away somewhat and the home team then had matters pretty much their own way. Henry Basto remained steady throughout and was the best of the visitors but Charlie Roze-Pereira was inclined to be short, especially at vital stages. White had ample work to do as Waterton was off his game, whilst Hall quite pulled his weight against John Basto.

Sherriff's rink had a margin of nine against B. Basto but it might easily have been less as the Portuguese were lying four nice shots at the best head when Sherriff came through with what would in other circumstances have been a risky shot. There was nothing to lose, however, and his spectacular drive was worth the couple of shots it earned. The home four played well to a man but Doc "Gutierrez" and Coorny Pereira were the best of the visitors, "B.B." being right off his game.

Jackie Noronha and Adam Holland had a great struggle before the latter emerged the winner by a bare three shots. It was neck and neck all the way until the last three or four ends, when the home skip secured the lead which carried him home by a mere three shots.

Willie Walker played his usual good game with Harrower lending adequate support, whilst Johnny Remedios and Jackie Noronha were the best of the visitors, the latter simply wallowing in the difficult situations with which he was not infrequently faced.

LAM'S FINE DEBUT

By "Skip"

Bowls of not a very good standard was witnessed at Chatham Road, when Kowloon Football Club, entertained Craigengower and had the mortification of losing by one shot.

The homesters won on two rinks which made the blow seem harder, but Dr. Lam's debut as skip was so successful that he was able to carry the day. Chris Pile was his victim, there being 10 shots in it at the finish; the home skip was not well served by his one and two both of whom were off form with the result that he and Peter Morgan had to struggle all the way. Broadbridge was useful as lead to Lam, all of whose team were steady throughout.

Ben Evans beat Alves by seven shots but was fortunate to do so as he was not up to the form which has brought him his recent successes: Wong as second man was in good fettle however and this turned the scales.

Dr. Smalley, ably coaxed by Abbas, just managed to get the better of George Ladd, but he led all the way.

Cricket Club had little difficulty in beating the Indians, Ronnie Edwards again doing well in overcoming S. M. Rumjahn by a dozen shots. Wahab was only two down to McKellar and Cassidy led Baker all the way to get home by half a dozen.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club came a cropper at Stanley, where Albert Jilott was right back to form against Len Jordan, who scored on only five ends. The home skip had a useful three in McCutcheon whilst he played some really classy shots himself. Just before tea for instance he drew the first, when the visitors lay about six shots, then, after the interval, repeated the performance by the "drive and draw" method which is not easy. Bagley and Dinnen were level for 10 heads then the home skip ran up a big score to win by 10 shots.

K.C. Hamilton was the only visitor to win as he overcame Tom Pile by a couple of shots.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

C.S.C.C.

The following will represent Civil Service Cricket Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

First Division (v. K.D.R.C. Away):—J. Gellatly, J. W. Deakin, L. A. Collyer and J. F. McGowan (skip); A. Steven, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange (skip); S. Eccleshall, J. Hollidge, A. W. Grimmett and F. J. Jones (skip).

Second Division (v. K.F.C., Home):—J. R. Carr, S. Wardle, M. E. Purvis and R. R. Wood (skip); C. J. Walker, C. Kirmon, A. B. Allan and W. R. Hillyer (skip); P. D. Crawley, H. Lord, H. F. Harber and C. Strange (skip).

Reserves:—H. Parrott, and A. F. Shepherd.

K.D.R.C.

The following have been chosen to represent the K.D.R.C. in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

First Division (v. C.S.C.C., Home):—W. Houston, J. G. Ozorio, R. Lapsley and F. Cullin (skip); A. M. Calman, R. H. Lapsley, T. Coleman, J. Kempton (skip); B. Parks, M. Ferguson, R. Morrison and J. McKelvie (skip).

Reserves:—T. Coleman and Boals Conventon.

I.R.C.

Following are I.R.C. selections for the lawn bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v. Club de Recreio "B", Away):—J. Hoosen, A. K. Sufiad, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu (skip); A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal, A. R. Dallah (skip); D. M. Khan, A. M. Rumjahn, A. O. Madar, M. R. Abbas (skip).

Third Division (v. H.K. Football Club, Home):—A. S. Sufiad, S. A. R. Buz, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab (skip); M. Hassan, A. G. Sufiad, K. M. Rumjahn, A. Bakar (skip); M. B. Hassan, J. M. A. Rumjahn,

U. A. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn (skip).

TAIKOO R.C.

Following team has been selected to represent in the lawn bowls League on Saturday:—

Second Division (v. K.T.R.C., Away):—C. Bovaidd, T. Grimes, W. Melrose, J. Chalmers (skip); O. Gillies, J. Wald, J. A. Watson, T. F. Stainton (skip); F. Hillon, R. Main, D. Munro, R. M. Keown (skip).

K.B.G.C.

The following have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Lawn Bowls League to-morrow:—

First Division (v. C.C.C., Home):—T. Armstrong, G. E. F. Thompson, D. W. Waterton and A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Deacon, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer and G. Sherriff (skip); W. L. Walker, W. Harrower, A. Hyde Lay and A. M. Holland (skip).

Second Division (v. K.C.C., Away):—E. F. Pope, E. Levett, F. Cheesman and R. Duncan (skip); H. Bicknell, L. Sykes, E. V. Searle and H. Lockhart (skip); A. Morton, E. A. Atkins, H. E. Drew and L. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.E.R.C., Home):—E. Scard, S. C. Walker, C. Wallis and K. C. Hamilton (skip); H. Spong, C. E. Langley, P. A. Peckham and L. Jordan (skip); F. H. Wilkinson, G. S. Hammond, W. H. Organ and J. S. Dinnen (skip).

K.F.C.

The following have been chosen to represent Kowloon Football Club in the Lawn Bowls League to-morrow:—

Second Division (v. C.S.C.C., Away):—J. Gibson, A. Eastman, R. Hall and P. Young-husband (skip); A. Lapeley, R. Hughes, V. Alenza and V. Chittenden (skip); W. Groves, J. Smith, C. Dowman and W. Simpson (skip).

Third Division (v. F.O.C., Home):—C. Woodcock, S. Wong, C. Fuller and B. Evans (skip); B. Thomson, J. Moodie, Y. Abbas and J. Smalley (skip); G. Cross, G. Frost, P. Morgan and C. Pile (skip).

SOCCER

Eastern Win First Match In S'pore; Record Crowd Gates Closed 20 Minutes Before Start

CHALMERS WINS MATCH FOR TAIKOO

By "Skip"

Jimmy Chalmers won the match for Taikoo against Club de Recreio at Quarry Bay, two great shots at the last head enabling his side to win by a single shot.

When the skips went down to bowl at this last end, the visitors were lying three good shots and needed these to tie. Chalmers came up with a heavy one first of all and removed one of counters, only for Eddie Sousa to put it back again. Then with a deadly draw, the home skip secured third shot and the points, Eddie Sousa just failing to improve with his last wood.

Chalmers was actually the only home winner and his 11-shot margin, as I have said, carried the day. He had an excellent lead in Melrose, whilst Tom Stainton was steady with his weighty ones—his speciality, whilst Chalmers, was as good throughout as the last head indicates.

"Smoky" Xavier was probably the best of the visitors, who were deservedly beaten. "Baba" Remedios made a valiant effort to save the side and was nine up on Donald Munro thanks a good deal to J. A. Remedios who was his best man and to his own efforts. Main played well for the home team who were trailing all the way.

O. P. Remedios preserved his unbeaten record by means of a count of three against Dick Keown on the very last head, when he changed the lead for the fourth and most important time.

ANOTHER CLOSE RESULT

The other "one-shot" match in this division was at Chatham Road, where the Kowloon Cricketers secured the points. Tommy Carr and Spary each won by seven shots, which was just too much for Younghusband's strong rink to carry. This four was outplaying Jimmy Jack's rink, with the possible exception of the number three, where Bob Marks held his own against Hall. Joe Gibson, as lead, was deadly and Arthur Dand, though playing well, could not hold him.

There was an exciting finish, as may be imagined; Younghusband thinking that three was all that was required, blocked perfectly when he lay that number only to find out, too late, that he needed four to tie!

In the absence of Walter Naef, who is getting along quite well, thank you, Tacchi played lead to Carr and played quite a useful game against Tony Lapsley, who shared the honours with his skip in Vic Chittenden's rink.

Paddy Wellwood was in excellent form.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:—

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	P. E. Annis, H. M. Rowland.
9.20 "	K. S. Morrison, J. A. D. Morrison.
9.24 "	L. M. S. Lloyd, W. Hewitt.
9.28 "	L. A. R. Duncan, J. B. Harrison.
9.32 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.36 "	A. M. Kennedy, J. S. Dunnett.
9.40 "	S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Geare.
9.44 "	R. C. Gairdner, J. P. Murphy.
9.48 "	D. J. S. Crozier, H. S. Jones.
9.52 "	J. Linaker, Col. Matthews.
9.56 "	T. E. Pearce, E. G. Price.
10.00 "	R. G. Parker, G. T. Harrington.
10.04 "	R. R. Davies, R. M. King.
New Course	
9.36 a.m.	W. Sharp, A. A. Bremner.
10.32 "	Col. Shackleton, Major Mackenzie.

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whilst Ted Ramsey's heavyish shots usually connected and though it sounds like a left-handed compliment he outshone Atienza who was off his game. Chittenden saved his side on many occasions and was better than Carr on the day's play. Chris Dowman, after a spell of illness, came back to the team as three to Simpson but could not find his touch, which left Bill Simpson with a difficult task against Spary, and he did well to be only seven shots down, five of these coming as late in the 19th head. Both Groves and Mezgar held their own, especially the latter, who was, I believe, playing his first game in this division.

STEPHENS DOES WELL

Winning on two rinks and tying on the other, Kowloon Tong scored a big win against the Civil Servants at the Valley. Stephens played his first game of the season and his win by nearly 20 was certainly an auspicious debut. His team were all playing well and the opposition was for the most part weak. Kirman, whom I regard as a drawing man, was asked to drive too often I am told, whilst Johnny Purvis was inclined to be narrow, especially in the early stages.

Charlie Strange and Kew had an interesting game; the latter ran into a lead of 10-3, and could not score again until his opponents, by steady play, especially on the part of Harry Lord as Number Two, had chalked up a dozen shots.

Then it was the visitors' turn and they scored on all but one of the remaining seven heads to win by four shots. Charlie Strange was quite good but I think Kew had the better of him, Howard, as third man to the visitors, made several opportunities for his skip, chiefly by heavy woods.

A. B. Allan trailed badly for 16 ends against Tony Basto, who was in fine form, then started a "blitzkrieg" and, chalking up 11 in the remaining heads, finished all square. Walker drew some very nice shots for the home skip but was not fond of a weighty one.

Alec Pearce, better known in more active forms of sport, played a wonderful game as lead to Brown of the Cricket Club and enabled that rink to have the best result—a tie against Kowloon Bowling Green Club—who won quite comfortably.

Morton, who was pitted against Pearce, played a more than useful game but the play of the home lead was really uncanny and he secured all the limelight.

Brown played his best game of the season and Guy had to play well to achieve a tie. Bob Duncan had his son L.A.R. as his adversary and well though the younger one played he could never make much impres-

Hsu And Chang In Brilliant Form

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Singapore, To-day.

BEFORE A RECORD CROWD of 15,000, Eastern won their first game here yesterday when they beat Combined Services by four goals to one after leading at the interval by the only goal scored by Chang Kam-hoi.

Lockhart and Maughan had an even game with the visitor always having a slight margin thanks to good leading by Bicknell and adequate support from the other two.

George Costello showed improved form and was the best of the home rink, though Maughan put in some nice shots.

C.C.C. ALWAYS IN LEAD

Craigengower always had a lead on the Police and won by over a dozen shots, Lewis' win of nine being the best home result. He had good assistance from both Rosario and Lock, and played his own part well. Glendinning was the best of the Police four and robbed the opposition of a bottle of whisky—between them—when he secured the fourth shot on the very last head.

Bill Hollands seemed to have Way on toast, as he was leading 17-2 at one time, but the curry puffs did the trick and the home four pulled up valiantly to make a tie of it: he needed a five at the last head to achieve this result. He was lying a couple when Ward rested the third shot to lay four nice ones and Bill Way added another, Bill Holland falling with both his heavy ones. Aitken, who has met with some success in competitive bowls in Scotland, was the best man on the Police side, and that honour went to Randall amongst the Craigengower four, the other three being poor until the revival in those last few heads.

The other game was a battle of the skips, Wright and McNeill, and they shared the individual honours, though the home rink won. McWalter was good as three to Wright, who was not as well served by his front men as was McNeill.

The gates were closed 20 minutes before the start of the game and the match was played at a fast rate with Eastern dominating most of the exchanges.

Hsu King-seng was in great form in the pivotal position and with Lo Wai-kuen formed a strong intermediate line. Ng Kee-cheong was very safe at back and covered Lau Hin-hon effectively. The latter brought off some good saves particularly in the early stages of the game.

Hsu Man-fu and Chang Kam-hoi were the most dangerous players in Eastern's attack, the latter being in good shooting form. Hau Ching-to on the left wing was speedy.

Chang Kam-hoi scored before the interval and in the second period Chau Tsoi-ting and Chang Kam-hoi (penalty) added further goals. The other goal was scored by a Singapore defender.

Eastern were represented by the following:—Lau Hin-hon; Ng Kee-cheong and Lee Kwok-wai; Tse Kam-hung, Hsu King-seng and Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Chang Kam-hoi, Hsu Man-fu, Chau Tsoi-ting and Hau Ching-to.—Our Own Correspondent.

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ONLY Summer sport that has not been unduly affected by the weather thus far has been lawn bowls. Although tennis has suffered to a great extent and, up to the time of writing (Thursday) no League matches have been played this week, the lawn bowls open pairs competition progresses, and almost the entire programme of League matches on Saturday, despite the unpromising weather of Friday, was played off.

The Weather Any review of the week's sporting activities therefore makes depressing reading.

A VISIT to Victoria Recreation Club, Hong Kong's premier swimming institution, on Wednesday, however, revealed some activity in one of the few sports not affected by the weather.

It was interesting, for instance, to see Wilfred Lawrence in action. He told me that he is finding it extremely difficult to get in any really serious training owing to pressure of work, but he is keen and, as far as the Colony's prospects in any Interport, or other events which may come off, are concerned, that is a big factor.

Uppermost in most swimming enthusiasts' minds of late has been the possibility of a swimming contest with the P. I. Normally far more interest

would have been centred on the prospect of a visit to Shanghai. It will be recalled that we were to have sent a team north last September but the outbreak of war caused a cancellation at the last minute.

The start of this season found most swimmers fairly certain that any Interport with Shanghai was out of the question.

A little bird tells me, however, that the powers that be still entertain hopes of such an event materialising. The same little bird pointed out that the local swimming authorities are in a splendid position financially and, provided an invitation from Shanghai was forthcoming, see no reason why it should not be accepted.

Various dates have been suggested for the P.I. contest. Originally it was thought that August would be most suitable. And so it would—from Hong Kong's point of view, but P.I. would find it difficult to raise a team in the time available. Then October was suggested. But October, think many local swimmers, is too cold. Now, I understand, efforts at a compromise are being made and it is

more than likely that the contest will take place in September.

HAVING broken their run of 11 consecutive defeats on Saturday when they beat Mindanao, Hong Kong Baseball Club now believe

Baseball they can wipe up everything in the local Baseball League, particularly so as they have a good team which will include Waggoner and Hearther, who did not play on Saturday.

They have been further strengthened by the return of Rogers, who will probably be seen at short stop, while they have a new recruit in Dean, who has played considerably in Shanghai.

This week they meet H.B. and it will be interesting to see just how Bill Smith will fare, or if his display on Saturday was just a flash in the pan.

H.B. promise to hit Smith all over the shop, while the Baseball Club are certain that M. el-Arculli offers easier "pickings" than he did last year.

South China made a sorry entry to the League on Sunday and, after re-

gistering three runs in the first inning, were being led by 18-3 at the end of the fifth—15 runs were scored against them in the second inning. They gave up the ghost at this stage and the game was called off.

H.B. had a easy afternoon against Royal Engineers, winning by 14-2 and outthitting their opponents by 12 hits to 3. Welford, who was not in the best of condition, and Bux scored home runs.

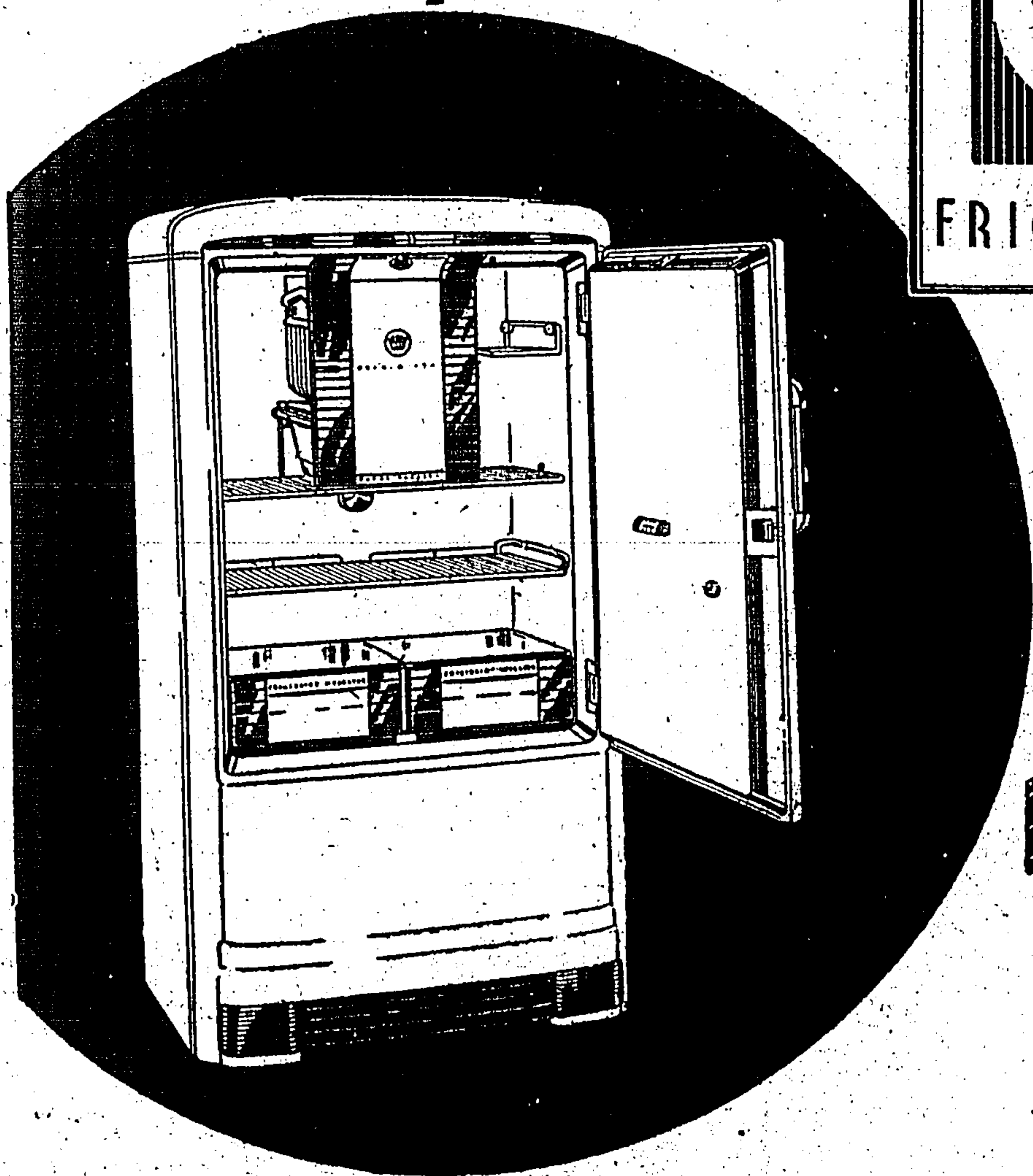
RAIN prevented the First Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Competition being completed, though the progress made must be considered satisfactory.

Only one seven has been scored in the competition so far and that by Basa and Landolt against K. M. Omar and A. M. Rumjahn. There has been no real upset though few expected Penny and Coates to go out at the hands of J. McGowan and H. E. Strange.

The postponed games will be played on corresponding days next week and it is hoped that there will be no further delay in this Round. The committee are hoping to get through most of the games in the Open Pairs before starting with the open Singles.

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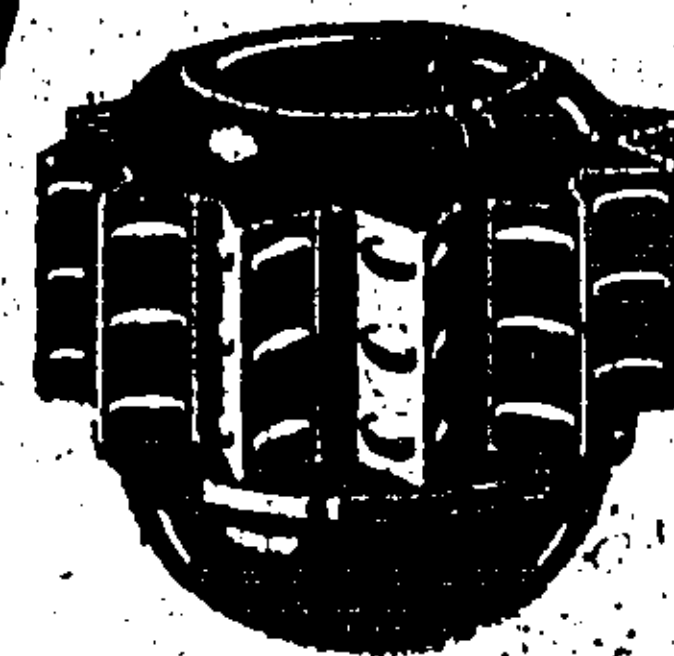
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BOWLING ALLEYS

By "STRIKE"

There have been quite a batch of really interesting and exciting matches played in the Alleys since my last jottings. The first was a match in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition played on May 30, between veteran bowler, Ernie Hearther, and Albert Odell; the latter player, while not being a veteran bowler, is one of the best in the Alleys and he is only 18 years of age.

The match resulted in a very narrow win for Ernie Hearther by six pins only. The individual scores being:

Ernie Hearther (plus 10) 560
A. H. Odell (plus 23) 554

From these scores it can be seen that Hearther had a very close shave, his average for the three games being 187 while Odell's score worked out at 185—including his handicap. Hearther started off badly by only scoring 146 in his first game, but he recovered ground in his second and third games by registering 210 and 204. Odell was more consistent by netting 165, 172, and 178. It was a good match and again proved the wisdom of the handicappers!

There was a good Ten Pin match played on May 31, between U.S.S. Asheville Supply Department and U.S.S. Asheville Engineers. The match resulted in a win for the "Suppliers" by 82 pins. The scores being as follows:—

ASHEVILLE'S SUPPLY DEPT.	ASHEVILLE'S ENGINEERS
H. L. Kilpatrick... 843	C. G. Cunningham... 822
E. L. Wood 630	Joe Harvey 740
W. H. Lambert ... 602	C. J. Fleming ... 634
C. J. Summers ... 583	G. E. Ewing ... 580
J. H. Watts 200	

On this occasion J. H. Watts very efficiently bowled the first game during the temporary absence of C. J. Summers. Top score for the match was bagged by H. L. Kilpatrick for the Suppliers with 843 or an average of 169 pins, and C. G. Cunningham for the Engineer Staff was a good second with 822, or an average of 165. The rest of the players on both sides trailed away behind with the exception of Kilpatrick for Suppliers and Cunningham for Engineers. The scoring could not be said to be of a brilliant nature, but the low scoring was made up for by the friendly badinage of both players and supporters alike.

There was a good five-game Duck Pin match played on June 1, between our old friends U.S.S. Mindanao and a representative team from the Alleys; this resulted in a very convincing win for the Mindanao by 95 pins.

The individual scores were as follows:—

U.S.S. MINDANAO	ALLEY REPRESENTATIVES
A. K. Hanf 478	S. H. Neate ... 456
E. L. Emerson ... 470	R. E. Skiver ... 444
N. R. Philo 458	W. S. Chase ... 442
G. H. Enloe 422	J. Gracie 391

Hanf for Mindanao was top scorer of the match with 478 to his credit or an average of 96 pins. This is indeed a good performance; second highest score was notched by E. L. Emerson—also of Mindanao—who scored 470 or an average of 94 pins per game; this is also good consistent Duck Pin scoring. Philo of the Mindanao registered 458, to be third highest scorer with an average of 92 pins per game. There is no doubt that had Jack Gracie, for the Alley Representatives, made the average of Chase, Skiver and Neate, that is 447, the match would have been a very close one.

Mindanao's average per player per game worked out 91.4 pins per game, while the Alley representatives' average worked out at 86.6. Feature of the match was A. K. Hanf of Mindanao, a new player in match games, who scored 478 pins. I believe I will have some references to this player in future jottings.

Emerson and Philo are tried players and their names have been frequently before Duck Pin fans through the medium of these columns, for they are both veterans, at the game. Neate, Skiver, and Chase for Alleys did remarkably well to make an average of

approximately 90 pins per game each.

On Saturday, we had the pleasure of seeing the veteran Asheville regular ship's team in action against their shipmates of the Medical Staff; the match resulted in a decided win for the regular ship's team by no less than 281 pins.

There was no doubt of the superiority of the veteran Harvey, Gray, Balaski and Cunningham combination.

The individual scores in this occasion were as follows:—

REGULAR TEAM	MEDICAL STAFF
M. O. Gray 823	O. Aasen 753
W. J. Balaski 821	L. C. Garrett ... 752
Joe Harvey 808	D. E. Norman ... 732
C. G. Cunningham... 768	J. M. Picciocchi 702

Joe Harvey and his men did very well indeed, averaging 805 pins per player for the five games or an average of 161 pins per player per game, although it is hard to understand how such accomplished players as Harvey and Balaski could only make—

in the case of Harvey, 136 on his third game—and Balaski 133 on his fourth game.

Although the scoring all round was slightly above average, there was only one score of 200 registered and this was exactly 200 bagged by M. O. Gray on his fifth game. It was a good match and keenly contested, the Asheville team being only 12 up on the first game. The Medicals reduced the lead by 6 pins, then the Asheville team forged ahead to lead by 112 on the third game, 108 on the fourth and finished up with a 281 lead.

In my last week's jottings, I mentioned that our old friends of the U.S.S. Gold Star had arrived in Port and I expected one or two interesting matches as the result.

A match was arranged on Sunday, between them and Asheville—Joe Harvey's men—and against all expectations the Gold Star beat the redoubtable Asheville team by the very low margin of 53 pins.

There is no doubt that J. M. Elardo for Gold Star with 840—top score of the match and young Dick Southland—also for Gold Star—with 796 to his credit were the main cause of the downfall of the Asheville.

Elardo is an old tried veteran and a good score can always be depended upon from him, but young Dick Southland of Gold Star is only about 18 years old I believe, and this match was probably the first really serious match that he has ever played—although I understand that he has played in matches in Guam—his bowling impressed me greatly and I feel sure that we will be hearing something more about this player in future; he is not a member of the Gold Star crew but was passing through the Colony only.

On June 3, M. el Arculli played W. Gardner in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition. M. el Arculli's handicap was plus 60 and Gardner's plus 36, therefore Gardner was conceding 14 pins per game or 42 pins for the three games played.

The match resulted in a decided win for M. el Arculli by 162 pins. The individual scores being as follows:—

GOLD STAR	ASHEVILLE
S. R. Sunbury ... 890	C. G. Cunningham... 801
Dick Southland ... 795	W. J. Balaski ... 774
J. M. Elardo 748	H. M. Kilpatrick 753
C. B. Stuart 746	Joe Harvey 655
	V. V. Vining 110

Had Harvey turned up in time for his first game, he would no doubt have had second high score, because on the four games that he played he scored 655, or an average for the four games of 164 per game. S. R. Sunbury of the Gold Star was undoubtedly the shining light in this game, making top score with 890 in his bag or an average of 178 pins per game.

C. G. Cunningham of the Asheville was second with 801 to his credit or an average of 160 pins per game; this is also a good score.

Dick Southland again did remarkably well by notching 795 or an average of 159 pins per game.

The average per game per player for Gold Star worked out at 159 pins per player per game, and for the Asheville 165 pins per player.

"Asheville" ordinance staff played Asheville Medical Staff on Wednesday afternoon. The match resulted in a very decided win for the "Medicals" by no less than 543 pins. This is undoubtedly the highest margin of victory ever recorded in these Alleys.

The individual scores were as follows:—

MEDICALS
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Ttl.
D. E. Norman 133 148 202 201 173 857

ASHEVILLE WISE GUYS
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Ttl.
D. E. Norman 139 170 178 117 225 829
O. Aasen 177 189 175 157 119 817
E. P. Hollis 145 195 140 183 153 816
C. H. Enloe 141 163 137 156 153 750

ARGONAUTS
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Ttl.
S. A. Ismail 148 169 167 162 152 799
G. Birkett 123 168 131 153 125 700
D. Hall 137 132 90 102 157 618
G. Somerville 120 139 131 95 130 605

NORMAN SHINES AGAIN
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Ttl.
J. H. Watts (plus 20) 170 150 137 — 457
A. W. Muenger (plus 26) 150 145 134 18 447

OPEN PAIRS RESULT
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Ttl.
W. Melrose and J. C. Chalmers beat S. R. Solina and C. W. Lam in the first round of the open pairs Lawn Bowls Competitions at Civil Service.

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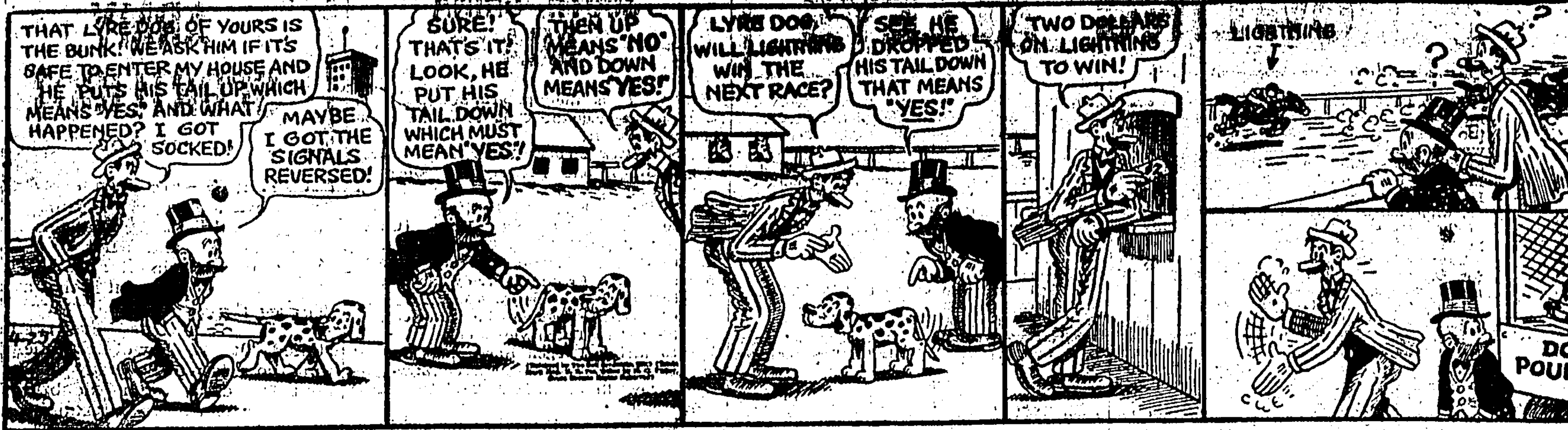
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To-day's Wireless

Variety
Programme

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
7.02 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor)
and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
Artist's Life—Waltz (Strauss)...Marek
Weber & His Orchestra.
Let Me Love You To-Night (Tunbridge &
Others)...Richard Tauber (Tenor) with
Orchestra.
Lehariana (Geiger)...Marek Weber &
His Orchestra.
A Brown Bird Singing (Royden Barrie-
Haydn Wood): I Love the Moon (Ru-
bens)...Richard Tauber (Tenor) with
Orchestra.
Where My Caravan Has Rested (Lohr):
Love's Old Sweet Song (Molly)...Marek
Weber & His Orchestra.

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9.52 Megacycles

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Two-Plane Recital
by Nura Kanis & Klari Vago.
1. Bach Sonata in G Major.
2. Arensky Suite for Two Pianos.
8.30 p.m.—Three Songs by Paul Robe-
son (Bass).
The Blind Ploughman (Radelyffe-Clarke);
The Cobbler's Song (from 'Chu Chin
Chow'—Norton)...with Orchestral ac-
comp.

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr. Brown)
...with Piano accomp.
8.40 p.m.—Charlie Kunz, Elsie Carlisle,
Dick Powell and Harold Ramsay in a
Variety Programme.
Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D.
17. Intro: Sunday in the Park; My hea-
ven in the pines; Goodnight Angel; Love
walked in; So little time; Says my heart.
...Charlie Kunz with Rhythm accomp.
Vocal—Little Drummer Boy (Noel & Pe-
losi)...Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.
Cinema Organ—Famous Marches Medley.
Intro: The Washington Post; Semper
Fidelis; Hungarian March; Rodeo Par-
ade; London Scottish; Gladiator's Fare-
well...Harold Ramsay.
Vocal—My Kingdom For A Kiss (film
'Hearts Divided'); Two Hearts Divided
(film 'Hearts Divided')...Dick Powell

with Orchestra.
Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D.
18. Intro: Please be kind; Down and
Out Blues; Cry, Baby, Cry; The sweet-
est song in the world; The First Quar-
rel; Little Lady Make Believe...Charlie
Kunz.
Vocal—Somebody's Thinking of You To-
night (Powell & Othello); You're At
Education (Dubin & Warren)...Elsie
Carlisle with Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Af-
fairs".
9.45 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Trilo in A
Minor, Op. 50. Hephzibah & Yehud
Menuhin (Piano & Violin) and
Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).
10.30 p.m.—Leopold Stokowski and the
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
Carnival of the Animals (Saint-Saens).
Danse Macabre, Op. 40 (Saint-Saens).
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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EXPERTS AT THEIR WORST

Experts are prone vigorously to con-
test their opponents' partial score
contracts. For one thing, they feel
that if their opponents stop at a part
score, the chances are that they can-
not make game. Also if their oppo-
nents do obtain a part score, it may
be necessary to incur a penalty on the
next hand in order to save the rub-
ber.

Here is a hand in which North and
South were at their worst. Having
passed twice, South decided it was
time he showed his heart suit. When
East reopened the bidding with two
spades, South, feeling that East could
make a partial score, rebid his hearts.
Now North, deciding that South must
have a pretty fair hand after all, sud-
denly contracted for game. West
promptly doubled.

Both sides vulnerable
East, Dealer

♠ K Q J 4
♥ A K 10
♦ 9 8
♣ K Q 8 3
♠ 7
♥ J 6 3
♦ A 7 6 4 3
♣ A 10 7 4
N
W
E
S
♠ A 9 8 5
♥ 3 2
♦ Q
♣ K 2
♠ J 6 5 2
♠ 10 6
♥ 9 8 7 6 4 2
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ 9

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened his singleton spade; East
won with the Ace and laid down his

diamond King. East returned a spade,
West ruffed, cashed his
two Aces and played
another diamond.
When the diamond
was ruffed by dum-
my's ten of hearts,
East overruffed with
the Queen and played
another spade; and
now his partner won
still another trump
trick with the heart Jack. When the
smoke of battle lifted the contract was
down for an 1,100-point penalty.

Yesterday Howard Schenken was
your partner and you held:

♠ J 9 x x
♥ Q x x
♦ K x
♣ K J x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	You	Maier	Schenken
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two
spades. It is unlikely that you can
make game unless your partner is
strong enough to bid over two spades.
Score 100% for two spades, 50% for
three spades 40% for two clubs (might
be passed) 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 430

David Bruce Burnstone is your part-
ner, neither side is vulnerable and you
hold:

♠ 9 8 x
♥ x
♦ x x x x
♣ A Q 10 x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	You	Maier
1♣	4♥	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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BILLIARDS AND DARTS LEAGUES WIND-UP

The Steel Coulson Billiards and
Snooker, and the H. B. Darts Leagues
were brought to a conclusion last night
when the prizes were distributed by
Mr. D. Ruttonjee at St. Patrick's Club.

Civil Service Cricket Club, the bil-
liards champions, beat the Rest by two
games to one, the best game of the
evening being between Jones and
Lewis. The latter early established a
commanding lead and won by 84
shots.

The snooker provided two good
games. Police the champions, lost by
two frames to one. Bradsell had bad
luck when he just failed to double the
black and left the ball at the mouth-
of the centre pocket.

Goodwin was unfortunate to lose
his game, his opponent being lucky to
sink the black.

Garrison Sergeants' Mess showed
their superiority by trouncing the
Rest team by five games to nil at darts.

Results:
Billiards:—Civil Service Cricket Club
(Grimmett, Rakusen, F. Jones) 1; H. B.
Club (Low, Ng, Marcoe) 2.

Snooker:—Police (Bradsell, Goodwin,
Pope) 1; Civil Services (Strange, Bendall,
Ebbage) 2.

Darts:—Garrison Sergeants' Mess (S. S.
M. Winn, S. S. M. Lord, S. Sergt. Carden,
Sergt. Bell, Sergt. Chalcraft) 1; Chief Petty

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controlled by Government Depart-
ments, but prior notice of their inten-
tion to use these Channels at night
should be given whenever possible.

Officers' Club (C. P. O. Otway, P. O. Marle
E. R. A. Davis, E. R. A. Jennings, Shipwrt
House) 2.

Highest scores:—Billiards, P. O. Grant
66; snooker, G. A. Low, 30; darts, highest
game finish, C. P. O. Davies, 88.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Billiards:—Rest beat Civil Service 2-1
Rakusen (C.S.) beat Gowland (R.) 200-116
Lewis (R.) beat Jones (C.S.) 200-109, Low

(R.) beat Grimmett (C.S.) 145.
Snooker:—Rest beat Police 2-1, Brennar
(R.) beat Goodwin (P.) 88-78, Horgan (R.)
beat Bradsell (P.) 90-87, Pope (P.) beat
Marvin (R.) 115-78.

Darts:—Garrison Sergeants beat Res
5-0, Garden beat Smith 1-0, Lord beat
Otway 1-0, Bell beat Marvin 1-0, Chalcraft
beat Taylor 1-0 Winn beat Goodyer 1-0.



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A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

On view from Friday, the 7th. June, 1940

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

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Hong Kong, 7th June, 1940

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GERMANY'S LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Four to five hundred thousand Germans have either been killed, injured or missing from a total of 2,000,000 which had been thrown into the Flanders battlefields, according to authorised circles.

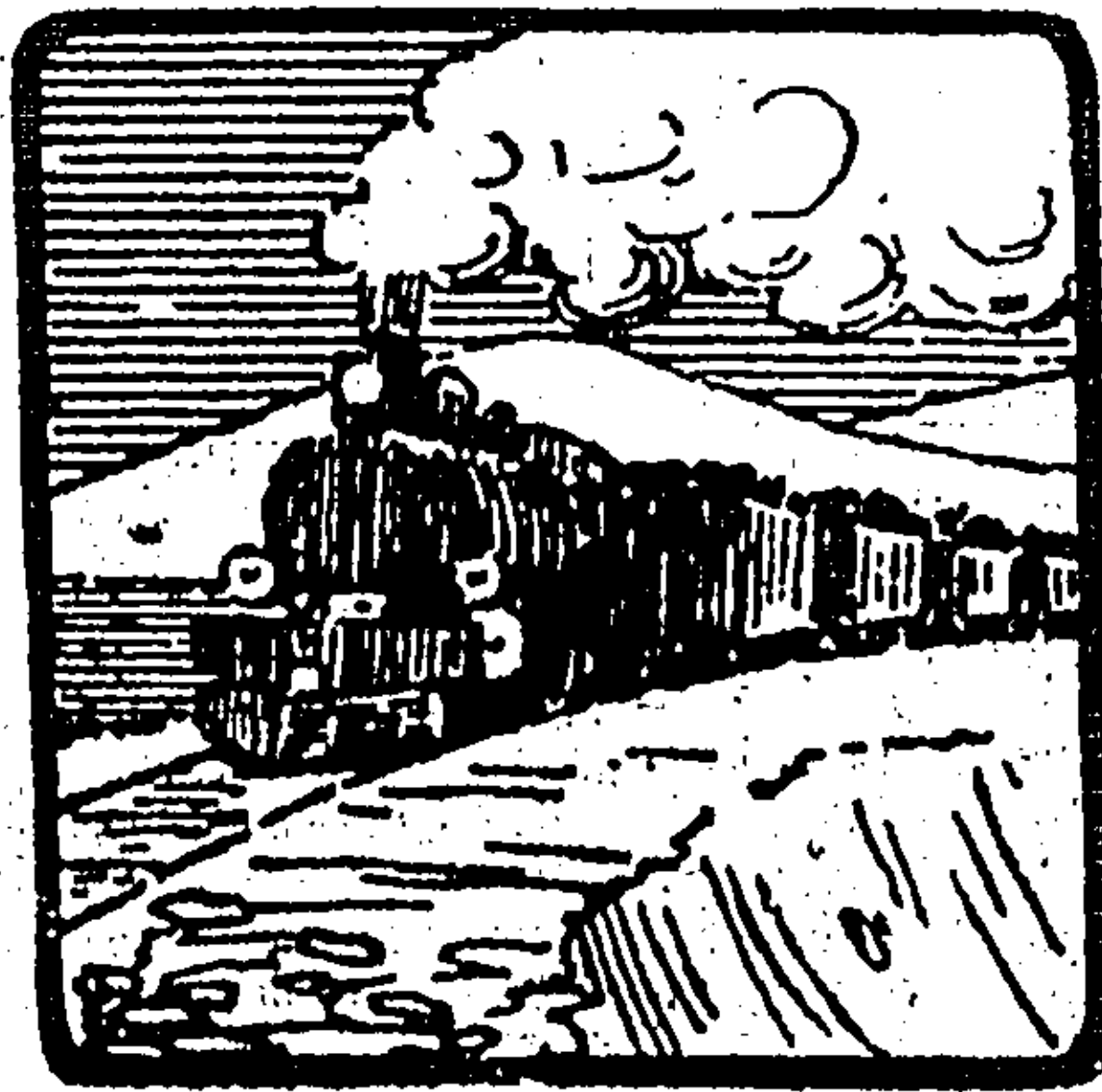
The Germans used many armoured and five mechanised divisions from a total of 80. The armoured divisions lost probably over one-third of their effectives.

Competent circles are of the conviction that the German losses are far more important than anticipated by the German authorities and the Reich's authorities have been lately compelled to requisition new premises for hospital use at Haras.

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CABINET CHANGES PREDICTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

Important changes in the British Cabinet are likely to result after the secret session of the House of Commons on Tuesday.

It is expected that all those belonging to the "Old Gang" will be eliminated.

This includes Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir John Simon, Sir Kingsley Wood and Sir John Anderson.

Important changes are also expected in the Civil Service.

The feeling exists both among the public and in the House of Commons that the nation should get rid of all those who in one way or another were responsible for the conditions prevailing to-day in the arms industry.—Havas.

French Reshuffle

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

M. Reynaud's Cabinet reshuffle includes the formation of a new Inner War Cabinet composed of only eight members instead of 11.—Havas.

BRITISH WARSHIPS IN SKAGERRAK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, To-day.

British warships yesterday went through the German mine-fields into the Skagerrak and attacked a Ger-

U.S. NAVAL PLANES FOR ALLIES

Washington, To-day.

The Navy Department announces that 50 naval planes are being "traded in" to the Curtiss Company who will be free to sell them to the Allies.

The planes are reported to be the most efficient type dive bombers.

Meanwhile Mr. Herbert Lehman, Governor of New York State, who was received at the White House yesterday, told pressmen he had recommended President Roosevelt to furnish the Allies with all aircraft and other equipment he considered could be spared without prejudicing the defence of the United States.—Reuter.

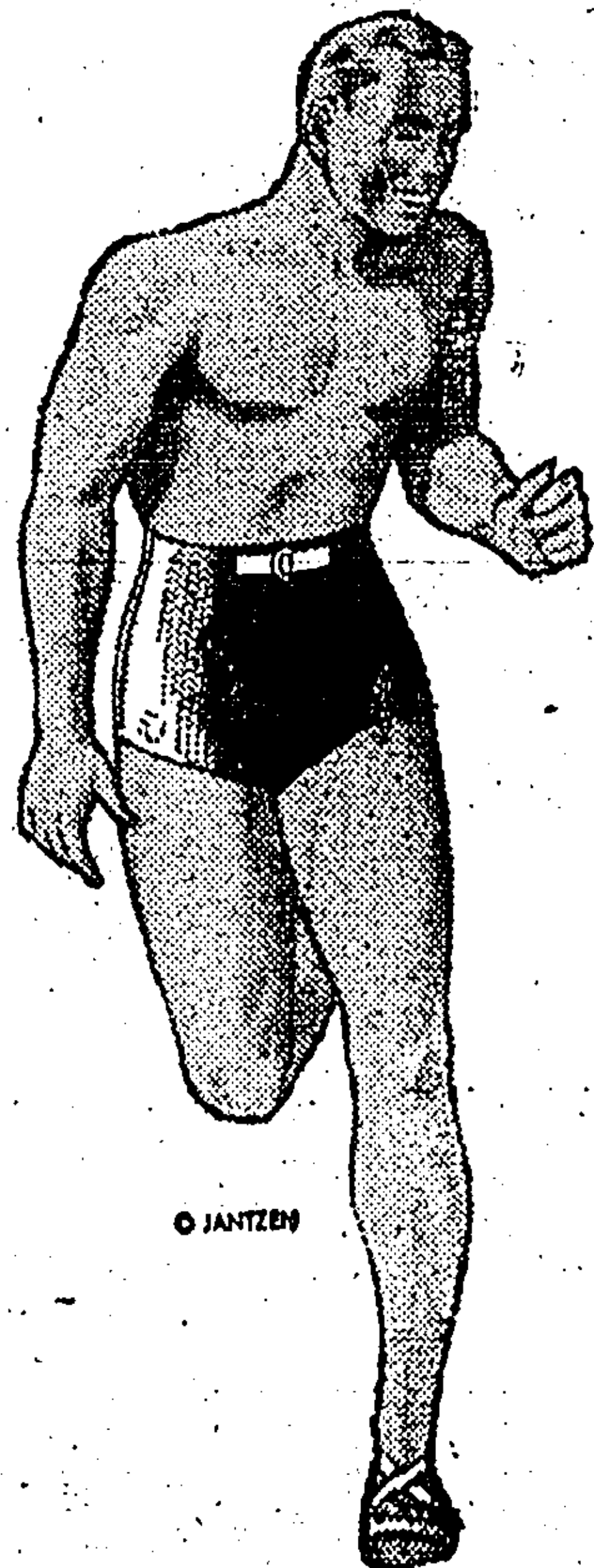
SWEDISH-GERMAN TRADE TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish-German trade negotiations are expected to end to-day with the conclusion of an agreement in principle providing for an increased volume of trade, particularly Swedish exports of timber, cellulose, coal and chemicals. It is understood the question of transit of Swedish goods destined for the Far East and America via the Reich was also discussed.—Havas.

man convoy bound for an unknown destination.

People on the Swedish coast report hearing a heavy cannonading and seeing three warships, many transports and a number of aircraft taking part in the action.—Havas.



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Shanghai, To-day.

All Italian shipping services to the Far East are to be suspended, reports the "Sin Wan Pao."—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Over 500 Japanese troops were annihilated on June 4 at Huahsien, strategic town about 90 kilometres north-east of Canton; states an Oongyuan message to the Chinese-American "Daily News."—Reuter.

Tokyo To-day.

Confirming the "Asahi Shimbun" report of an Anglo-Franco-Japanese agreement on the Tientsin silver issue, as broadly correct, the Foreign Office spokesman stated the opinion that the Tientsin blockade "will be lifted as a natural result of the agreement."—Reuter.

Large numbers of members of the H.K. Defence Reserve who have been allotted to the Key Posts and Essential Services groups have to-day received by registered post an intimation that they have been transferred to the Combatant Group.

Attention is drawn in the notification to the right of appeal against the decision, and apparently it is intended that all who claim exemption from the Combatant Group on any ground must argue their cases again before the Appeals Tribunal.

BATTLE RAGES ON 120-MILE FRONT

(Continued from Page 1)

proaching the north bank of the Aisne. Elsewhere, all attacks have been smashed.—Havas.

Parachute Precautions

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

With the nearest German troops within 60 miles of Paris, the Minister of Interior issued a communiqué yesterday announcing precautions taken against infiltration by parachute troops and soldiers landed by aeroplanes. Similar precautions have been taken all through France.

The communiqué, however, says that there is no need for immediate anxiety.—Havas.

Shanghai, To-day.

Over 10 li of railway tracks west of Tangshanhsien and about 100 kilometres west of Suchowfu, in north-west Kiangsu, were destroyed by Chinese guerillas on May 3, states a report from Loyang to the "Shun Pao."—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes that whatever the great new battle raging in northern France may bring hereafter, the first shock of the German onslaught has made no appreciable impression on the defence.

General Weygand made good use of the fortnight's respite to consolidate his line in depth behind the river barriers. His armies are feeling the electric touch of the more vigorous leadership of which he himself is the fount and head, and they are throwing themselves into the fight with a desperate ardour born of the consciousness that this time nothing less than Paris is at stake.

On land, the immediate British contribution to the fight is small, but in the air the R.A.F. is rendering invaluable support to our French Allies both at the scene of battle and on lines of supply and communication.—Reuter.

That the seditious pamphlets had originally come from Japanese occupied Canton was indicated by the Crown this afternoon at the Central Magistracy when Police Constable Chanan Singh, 24, appeared on charges under the Sedition Ordinance.

Singh was accused of possession of 88 copies of an alleged seditious publication headed "Revolutionary Proclamation No. 1," and this afternoon was further charged with making preparation to do an act of sedition.

Prosecuting, Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, stated that on the morning of June 1, accused was seen boarding the s.s. Fatshan berthed alongside the Hong Kong and Macau Steamship Company's wharf after coming from Canton.

When accused left the ship he was carrying a bundle of paper. He was followed by detectives and arrested.

Mr. Murphy added that the evidence seemed to show that accused had guilty knowledge for he struggled with the detectives and threw the bundle away.

The pamphlets were printed in Punjabi and Urdu.

The case is proceeding.

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